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Firm loses battle to save sales site

BY JORDAN DAY

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A COSTLY appeal launched to save a popular furniture store from closure has been dismissed.

East Cambridge District Council (ECDC) and The Home have been at logger-heads over the firm's decision to open a shopfront at its Saxon Business Park premises, near Littleport.

The business only has planning permission to manufacture furniture on the site but its owner argued jobs would be lost if it could not run a retail outlet as well.

But a planning inspector has ruled in the council's favour and if the owners do not comply with the existing planning permission, they could be charged with a criminal offence and fined up to £20,000.

Despite the setback, owner Stephen Layn has vowed The Home will survive.

He added: "We do not feel we have lost our battle at all and people must not feel disheartened.

"There are a few changes that we will be making but The Home will never be closing its doors."

The news comes after more than 600 people signed up to support the firm's Leave The Home Alone campaign.

The Home opened last July and manufactures and sold a wide range of furniture.

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On the chocolate trail . . .

THERE were fun and games galore at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve over the Easter period.

Children of all ages descended on the reserve for a whole host of egg-stra special activities.

Throughout the Bank Holiday weekend there were Easter egg trails, where youngsters could follow the clues to dig out their own chocolate prizes.

Participants were also able to unleash their creative sides with a range of arts and crafts.

A spokeswoman for the reserve said: "Even though the sun hardly shone throughout the whole weekend the mood was still cheery.

"There was so much for children and their families to do and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves.

"The Easter egg trails were particularly popular."

The reserve will host children's activities throughout spring and summer. For more information, call (01353) 720274 or visit *www.wicken.org.uk*

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Eye spy: above, Elizabeth Pilcher, 5, was among the children who searched for clues around Wicken Fen to claim an Easter egg. Right, Rosie Michaelson-Yeates, 6, Toby Michaelson-Yeates, 10, and Katelyn Attaway, 5, were also successful. Pictures: Richard Patterson 639105/3.

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Charity's call for a clear-out

THE Viva Charity Shop in Soham is encouraging people to have a fling this spring.

The shop, located on Churchgate Street, wants residents to give their wardrobes and homes a good spring clean and then fling their unwanted goods their way.

Frank Crosby, a spokesman for the charity, said: "As spring is in the air, this is a great time to give your home a good clear out.

"We would be delighted to receive donations of gents, ladies or children's clothing, shoes, accessories, working electrical goods, games, CDs, DVDs, toys and books.

"As well as giving your house a spring clean, you are also helping raise funds for Viva's local work in community development and the engagement and development of young people through the arts."

Donations can be dropped off at the shop, which is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am-3.30pm and until 12.30pm on Wednesday.

Family fun: above, children show off their Easter bonnets in Prickwillow. Right, Charlie McCambridge, 2, checks out the tractors at the Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum. Far right, Joseph Myles, 5, gets his face painted by Jeanette Moser at the Ely Markets.

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Egg-stra special time!

FLUFFY chicks, chocolate eggs and creative bonnets took over the Ely area for a cracking Easter weekend.

A wide range of egg-stra special events were held across the district, providing fun for all the family.

There were bouncing bunnies and Easter cheer galore in Prickwillow as families flocked to the village's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Bank Holiday Monday.

Children let off some steam by taking part in a bumper Easter egg hunt, sniffing out their goodies with the help of clues.

A spokesman for the event said: "Everyone had so much fun and there were smiles all round.

"The weather could have been a little nicer but it didn't affect things too much."

Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum also went all-out over the weekend.

On Sunday and Monday, children were treated to a special Easter egg treasure trail around the museum, claiming their chocolate treasure along the way.

There were also arts and crafts sessions where youngsters could

make murals, fluffy bunnies and even clay egg cups.

Fresh produce and handmade crafts took over Ely's Market Place on Monday for the city's first Bank Holiday market of 2010.

Visitors were treated to a wide selection of stalls from the Ely farmers', general and crafts and collectable markets, as well as family entertainment.

A spokesman for East Cambridgeshire District Council said: "As ever, our Bank Holiday market was a huge success and a great start for the 2010 calendar of markets.

"The beauty of them is that not only are people able to pick up a wide range of locally sourced products but also help traders make a living."

Salon closes for last time

A BEAUTY salon which has been trading in Ely for 31 years has closed.

The Health and Beauty Centre, on Station Road, shut its doors for the last time last Wednesday.

Owner Pamela Murrells thanked residents for their custom over the past three decades.

She said: "I would like to say thank you to the customers who have supported the salon, some of which have been doing so for 30 years.

"Also, I would to like to thank Maureen, without whom I couldn't have at times carried on in business. Her loyalty has been second to none and I wish her all the best in the future."

Three vehicles in village smash

TRAFFIC came to a standstill in Wilburton on Bank Holiday Monday following a three-vehicle collision.

Luckily, only one person suffered injuries and was treated at the scene.

The incident took place just after 3pm on Stretham Road.

Three vehicles were badly damaged in the collision and police had to close the road.

It was reopened at 4.30pm.

What treasure do you have?

RESIDENTS are invited to take their ancient finds along to Ely Museum on Saturday.

An Ask the Archaeologist event will be held there from 10.30am-1pm.

The county's finds liaison officer will be on hand to identify objects, including antiques, pottery and metalwork.

Entry is free.

Find bargains at nearly-new sale

A BUMPER babies and children's nearly-new sale will be held in Ely on Saturday.

The event will be at the Lighthouse Centre on Lynn Road from 2-4pm.

Everything from clothes to toys and prams will be on sale and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Christine on 07879 660552.

CCTV will be left on, council chiefs pledge

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FEARS that scrapping 24-hour CCTV coverage in Ely could encourage more criminals to strike, have been rebuffed by council chiefs.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) insists despite reducing the city's coverage, the cameras will "never" actually be switched off.

The controversial move is a result of the council's review of CCTV provision throughout the city. Soham would also be affected by the plans.

From this summer, all premises and streets could be actively monitored for just 18 hours a day – provoking concern from residents and traders.

Just one of the complainants, Elaine Griffin-Singh, chairman of the Ely Traders' Association, said: "It's all very well having the cameras on at peak times but as soon as criminals know when these times are they are just going to commit offences when they know they can get away with them."

Last year shopkeepers and business owners demanded better CCTV coverage in a bid to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

However, in a letter to the *Weekly News*, Ste Thornley, head of policy and performance at ECDC, warned criminals that despite cuts, their actions would still be caught.

He said: "Residents and businesses should be aware that the CCTV cameras will never be switched off.

"The number of hours of active monitoring will be reduced but will be flexible, so anyone planning to indulge in opportunistic vandalism or drunken violence should not assume that their actions will not be caught on camera."

Mr Thornley added: "The technical changes to the system will make it much less expensive to add or relocate cameras, allowing the council to be more responsive to changing situations.

"These changes will also allow the use of 'redeployable' cameras on a temporary basis to target any problem areas."

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Dodger shares the spirit ...

A POPULAR Soham man is helping to raise cash for Help for Heroes.

Roger Allison, known locally as Dodger, has commissioned Spirit of the Fens Leather in March to produce a special pewter pot holder (pictured right).

The pint pot, which has 'Help the Heroes' engraved on it, is to be auctioned off with the handcrafted leather cover to raise money for the charity, which helps Britain's wounded servicemen and women.

The auction is being held alongside Soham Staploe Rotary and Harley Davidson owners' group's St George's Day meal at the Cherry Tree pub, Soham, on Wednesday, April 21.

Written bids are being accepted up to the night. A top price of £200 was reached within a week of the first bid's acceptance.

On Easter Sunday, an Easter egg hunt was also held at the Cherry Tree, raising £118 for the town's St Andrews School.

Farm sites may soon welcome wind power

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TWO new wind farms could be built near Ely.

The sites – one at Wolvey Holes Farm in Coveney and the other at Whitehall Farm in Littleport – are among four plots of public-owned land earmarked for power generation.

Cambridgeshire County Council has pocketed tens of thousands of pounds from a wind farm on its estate at Red Tile Farm in Warboys and is looking to see if this success could be replicated elsewhere.

Morleys Farm, and Westmoor and Purrants Farm, near Chatteris, form a site under consideration, while land in Farcet, near Peterborough, is the fourth.

The authority is talking to tenant farmers and developers to see if there is interest in taking the proposals forward.

Cllr John Reynolds, its cabinet member for resources, said: "These are initial proposals and have been put together after careful consideration and informal discussions with planning officers and councillors.

"The success at Warboys shows wind farms can help tackle climate change and produce an income that can be ploughed back into council services, saving taxpayers money.

"Especially at this time of reduced Government funding for councils, we would be letting our residents down if we did not look further into the opportunities this presents."

The council says it may become clear the proposed sites are unsuitable, and alternatives could come forward.

Decisions to take locations forward would be subject to full planning permission.

Cllr Reynolds said: "I want to make it clear we are not rushing into any decisions but looking at these early proposals and seeing if there is any interest."

The project has already won the backing of environmental campaign group Friends of the Earth.

Executive director Andy Atkins said: "It's great news that Cambridgeshire County Council has recognised the huge potential of developing wind farms to raise revenue and cut emissions.

"Initiatives like this highlight the huge economic benefits for local people of councils doing their bit to tackle climate change."

Barrels of fun: Haddenham Beerfest organiser Dave Roberts and his team

Pictures: Keith Heppell 639357.

Rocking good times . . . with ale

ROCK music fans and real ale enthusiasts flocked to Haddenham on Saturday for 12-hours of fun and frolics.

More than 250 people packed the village's Arkenstall Centre for two combined events – the Haddenham Beer Festival and Springfest 2010.

The fun-filled event was organised jointly by the Cambridge Rock Festival as part of its Springfest 2010 programme and organisers of the village's beer festival.

For the rockers in the crowd, Karnataka were the headliner of the festival, supported by a range of bands including Winter in Eden, IO Earth and The Pure Floyd Show.

Lime Shark, Taildragger, Tinlin and Emerald Sky also performed.

Running from 11am-11pm, villagers were also treated to a wide selection of real ales and locally-brewed beers in a special beer tent.

Dave Roberts, one of the organisers, said: "Everything went brilliantly and it is something we would certainly like to make an annual event.

"The crowds seemed to really enjoy all of the bands with all of them receiving great receptions.

"The beer festival was also as successful as ever. We even had people coming from as far as Finland and Greece."

There was also food and refreshments served for families by Laurence Caterers.

For more information about the Cambridge Rock Festival, visit *www.cambridgerockfestival.co.uk*

For more information about the Haddenham Beer Festival, visit *www.haddenham-beer-festival.co.uk*

More time to spend at café

A CAFÉ especially for young people has had to extend its opening hours to meet demand.

The Ely Youth Initiative will now open the Youth Café in Ely from 7-10.30pm on Friday evenings.

The café is run from the Cathedral Centre on Palace Green.

The project was launched in 2007 in response to young people asking for a safe, café-style place to go on a Friday evening.

Janet Parish, chairperson of the Ely Youth Initiative said: "We believe that the key to the success of the café is that it is what the young people identified, not a project that is an adult's perception of what the young people wanted or should have.

"It makes sense to open the café longer if young people are still around Ely at 10pm at night.

"It is safer for them to be in the café than out on the streets."

The café offers use of the latest game consuls, board games, advice and information, free hot chocolate and pizza.

There is also the opportunity for the young people to engage with regular discreet sessions on drug and alcohol use and sexual health.

Thanks to Big Lottery funding, the youth initiative is also running a youth café at The Regal in Littleport, where a detached team will also be formed to work with youngsters.

For more information, visit *www.eyi.org.uk* or call 07734 252288.

Firm to continue, despite planning knock-back

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But just two days after it opened, enforcement officers from ECDC stepped in, insisting the business only had permission to make furniture, not to trade on the site.

The company accused ECDC of trying to force the store's closure, saying council leaders had wanted the store to be built in Ely, not Littleport, and an appeal with the planning inspectorate was launched.

But with the appeal dismissed, ECDC can now demand changes be made.

Mr Layn said: "I am not disheartened. In my eyes, we have been given six months to make a few changes to the way The Home operates, during which time I will be reapplying for permission to sell from the site.

"I want to sit down with the council and reach a compromise, which is something I have said I wanted to do from the very beginning but the orders were issued with no real explanation, and I now feel we will be able to do that."

David Archer, executive director for development services at ECDC, said: "We take no pleasure in the judgement from the planning inspector as we always hope to resolve issues through meetings and discussions before development takes place.

"Ultimately, the inspector concluded that the owner of The Home did not have planning permission for the site to be a shop and it is not the right place for a retail shop.

"I hope The Home will now take on board the points which have been made and realise that if they had followed the advice we gave them in the beginning they would not be where they are today. We will do what we can to assist The Home make alternative arrangements and we hope we won't have to take further enforcement in the future."

Candidates: Katharine Wege, Lewis Carrier, Fiona Campbell, Alex Piggott and Chris Le will stand in a mock election

Picture: Pete Felstead 637305.

Students set to go to the polls in mock election

FIVE candidates standing in a mock general election, at King's Junior School, Ely, have launched their campaigns.

There are five candidates, all Year 8 pupils. Katharine Wege is standing for the Conservatives, Lewis Carrier is the Green Party candidate, Alex Piggott is campaigning for Labour, Fiona Campbell for the Lib Dems and Chris Le is the UKIP candidate.

Campaign teams have been working to produce posters and fliers in support of each candidate. Voting booths will be set up in the school's hall on election day.

Kim Prior, King's Junior School's head of personal, social and health education, said: "The election gives the pupils the opportunity to consider such issues as democracy and freedom of speech.

"At this stage it's anyone's guess who will win."

The election will be held on April 30.

Inspectors' high praise for school

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THERE have been celebrations all round at Ely St John's Primary School.

The popular school, located on St John's Road, has just received its latest Ofsted report.

And inspectors marked everything about the school as either 'good' or 'outstanding'.

The report said: "Ely St John's Primary is a good school.

"Pupils of all ages and abilities, including those who face particular difficulties, are making good progress in their academic and personal development.

"They learn effectively because the school's determined efforts to improve provision and the quality of leadership and management are paying off and having a positive impact on pupils' progress and achievement."

The school's overall effectiveness was marked as good, as was its capacity for sustained improvement.

Inspectors added: "Teachers throughout the school promote a positive climate for learning.

"Relationships at all levels are strong so pupils are secure and happy to be in school.

"Almost all pupils behave well and respond positively to the opportunities that the school provides."

Headteacher Sarah Hogben said staff and pupils were delighted with the report.

She said: "We are particularly pleased that children and families have said that we provide a safe learning environment, which has been supported by the inspection outcomes."

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School's talented teachers

High achievers: front from left, Ben Barton presents the award to head of King's junior school Richard Whymark , head of King's School Ely Sue Freestone, co-ordinator Jane Thomas, head of King's Acremont Pre-Prep Lynda Brereton, and Professor Michael Proctor.
Picture: Richard Patterson 637540.

KING'S School Ely was presented with an award for teaching gifted pupils.

It is the first independent school in Cambridgeshire to achieve the prestigious NACE Challenge Award for excellence in provision for able, gifted and talented pupils.

The award was handed out by the National Association for Able Children in Education in recognition of the high quality work throughout the school in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best.

Head of school Sue Freestone, thanked all the teaching staff for their contribution "in sustaining a quality of teaching that enables learning of a standard that has merited this award".

Assessors observed lessons, interviewed pupils, teachers, parents and governors and looked at the pupils' work.

The NACE report said: "Parents value highly the extensive range of ways in which a child can excel and the inclusive approach where every child is seen as special.

"At King's Acremont, King's Junior and King's Senior School, teachers' subject knowledge is exceptional and pupils are offered challenging contexts for their learning."

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Councillor ordered to return brother's gun

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A COUNCILLOR has been ordered to hand an antique shotgun back to his estranged brother.

The court ruling closes a long-running row between Cllr Philip Read, who represents Sutton on Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council, and Rod Read, who lives in the same village.

The brothers worked on the family farm in Sutton Gault when they were young and Rod Read used his savings to buy the AYA Churchill rib firearm from royal gunsmiths Gallyon & Sons in Cambridge in 1967, for £108.

Around a decade later, Rod Read left home for university and placed the firearm with his father Leslie for safekeeping, later qualifying as a psychological counsellor and revoking his gun licence.

He discovered Philip had been using the weapon but did not complain until last summer when he retired and decided he wanted to start shooting again.

Gun fight: Cllr Philip Read.

He wrote to his brother asking for return of the weapon – now thought to be worth only a few hundred pounds because of damage – but was rebuffed.

Cllr Read maintained he had bought the gun from his father, who died in 2001, and at Cambridge County Court his solicitor argued too many years had passed for the matter to be adjudicated on.

But Rod Read presented statements from several family members – including his 97-year-old mother Florence – who said they believed ownership remained with him, even if possession was with his brother.

He was also able to produce a receipt from Gallyon's, and a judge ruled in his favour, ordering Cllr Read to return the weapon.

Rod Read, 66, of Bury Lane, said his brother had "put himself outside the realm of family relationships".

He said: "I think it's ludicrous for a brother to have to take legal action against his own brother but I wanted my gun back and this is what I had to do to get it."

Cllr Read, 67, of High Street, said he had been financially generous during difficult times in his brother's life.

He said: "The reason I didn't return it was because I paid my father for it.

"My brother was very generously treated by myself and my father so I think it was very ungracious of him to ask for it back after all this time."

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Let's try to find Plan B

Sir, Your headline 'Another decade without bypass?' (April 1) told us nothing we did not already know. The Government has repeated more than once that a southern bypass for Ely does not appear in its list of priorities and, as we emerge from the recession, as time passes and costs increase, alternative funding for a bypass become increasingly unlikely.

Surely it is time at last for Plan B? All parties should co-operate to find the means to relieve the problems at Ely's level crossing. Consultants have told us not to base calculations for Ely's Masterplan on the existence of a southern bypass. Even the county council does not believe it will come, as a Conservative councillor clearly pointed out at a recent council meeting.

It is high time for the council to face facts. Delays at this bottleneck on the A142 are not acceptable and will get much worse if there is a substantial development to the north of Ely. Let us all work together to find a realistic, cheaper Plan B.

Jeremy Friend-Smith
District Councillor
Ely South

Don't tinker with natural balance

Sir, In reply to Rod Read's letter, 'Protect our fens for our children' (Letters, March 25).

Not many people would deny that chemicals, pesticides, loss of hedges and trees, building, hunting and greed have had an effect on wildlife, and I do agree that we can farm with wildlife in mind. There's not many who are deprived enough not to appreciate wildlife.

It is blinkered extremists that are incapable of seeing no further than their fanatical noses.

What Rod Read omitted to say is that nature is also very harsh. Left to its own devices there would be a natural increase and decline of species with some being eliminated from an area, with possible extinction altogether.

Natural selection would go against Wicken Fen's objectives to protect and save declining endangered species. If this was the case then the National Trust at Wicken Fen would not be doing what it said it would do and would have duped many wildlife supporters in the process.

To achieve the balance in Wicken Fen would mean the management of culling some existing species to allow other existing species to regain numbers for survival. As Wicken Fen is such a rich, flourishing reserve, it suggests that it is not left to natural selection, but is managed. Therefore its species are protected and preserved by balance, and there is no need to flood it further for more of the same things that we already have.

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

MEMORIES

■ **THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows runners starting a race.**
Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?
Send your answers to: Memories, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

Picture: 500107.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed children at the Witcham Produce Show. It was taken in September, 1969.

Picture: 520790.

High-rise plans to solve parking

Sir, Having moved to Sutton from the Shetland Islands some three years ago, I have never had difficulty parking in Ely. This might be because I never try at 9am.

However, I do note when dropping people off at the railway station that the parking seems limited.

This idea might have been suggested before. How about building a multi-story car park at the Tesco store – parking for commuters and shoppers.

Chris Gregory
Windmill Walk
Sutton

Why recycle just compostables?

Sir, I noticed the letter in last week's *Weekly News* about plastics recycling (How to make recycling easy – April 1).

Can someone tell me why there is such importance given to cardboard or paper recycling when these are biodegradable? Plastics on the other hand can take hundreds of years to breakdown and yet these are not a high priority.

Plastic meat trays are not recycled at all. The recycling website states that the food residue in the trays make this very difficult , but surely this could apply to milk containers. Meat trays are easier to clean after collection and would be far better for the environment if they were recycled than bothering with paper.

Cardboard and paper would break down quickly with general rubbish and sustainable woodlands can replace the materials now.

Compostable material recycling seems like madness to me when many people can compost their own waste!

Maybe there is some reason I don't understand as yet but surely in a time of recession prioritising the necessary items to recycle makes sense.

Then again, there doesn't seem to be much common sense around these days.

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Prison for copper thief

A CABLE thief who commandeered a JCB in a rail depot has been jailed.

Terry Price, of Hale Fen, Littleport, used the digger to load a full drum of copper cable into a waiting van.

The 31-year-old was sent down after admitting theft and attempted theft on June 6 last year.

Chester Crown Court heard Price had driven to a depot in Crewe in a Fiat Ducati, accompanied by two unknown men.

The trio forced their way into the depot by cutting through a lock on the main gate shortly after 11am, and once inside Price used bolt croppers to destroy the lock to an inner compound.

He then used the JCB to shift the cable into the van, which the men drove off in.

Price returned the next day shortly after 4pm with another unknown man and forced the lock on the main gate before rolling two large drums of cable to the gate.

But, bizarrely, the pair then walked away, leaving the cable at the gates.

BY CHRIS HAVERGAL

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

British Transport Police (BTP) arrested Price on November 11, as part of a national crackdown on metal theft.

Price was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for theft and 12 months for attempted theft, to run concurrently.

Det Chief Insp Malcolm McKinnon welcomed the result.

He said: "The custodial sentence handed down to Price should serve as a warning to others thinking of stealing cable.

"BTP has a number of techniques to track cable thieves and we will do everything in our power to bring criminals to justice."

He added: "This conviction highlights the work being done by BTP to tackle cable and metal theft.

"Cable theft has been an issue for the railway for some time and, since the middle of last year, we have seen a steady rise in the number of thefts in line with the increasing price of copper on world markets."

'Queen' gets club waving

MEMBERS of the Inner Wheel Club of Ely were treated to a musical concert featuring Jean Martyn, the internationally- acclaimed "Queen of the Keyboards".

Musically trained at Trinity College, Trent Park and The Guildhall School of Music, London, Jean is the only female organist to have recorded on the famous Blackpool Tower Wurlitzer Organ during the last 50 years.

She has performed in many venues, including at St James's Palace last December in front of HRH The Princess Royal and Dame Vera Lynn.

A spokeswoman for the club said: "Jean's range of music is vast and she played songs from the shows, classical, jazz, honky tonk and concluded her performance with a rousing *Last Night of the Proms* medley, accompanied by many flag waving promenaders from the audience.

"The profits from the evening are going to president Betty Flack's charity of the year, the Princess of Wales Hospital, towards the completion of a quiet area for patients and families."

Concert treat: Jean Martyn with club president Betty Flack. CP

Woman killed in collision

A FACTORY employee was killed when she was hit by a car as she crossed the road.

Ilgiene Bronislava was on her way to Rustler Produce, in Chatteris, when she was struck by a blue Ford Fiesta on Isle of Ely Way.

The 57-year-old lived on Huntingdon Road in the town and some of her relatives worked on the same site.

The driver of the Fiesta, a man, was uninjured in the crash.

Police have appealed for witnesses to come forward.

Pc Simon Burgin said: "Any information, no matter how small, may help us to discover how this collision occurred."

The smash happened at about 5.45am on Wednesday, March 31.

Sparks fly at society talk

ELECTRICAL engineer Ray Wells will lead the Ely Society's next talk.

The talk, entitled 'Electricity arrives in Ely', will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall on Chapel Street.

Visitors are welcome and admission is £2.50.

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Deaths

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JOHNSON. Sandra of The Row Sutton, passed peacefully away at her home on Sunday, March 28th, 2010, aged 45 years. Dearly loved daughter of Audrey and the late Ted, loving sister of Kevin and Graham, sister-in-law of Katrina and Jane. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Friday, April 9th, at 3.00pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired for Larkfield Comforts Fund will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs. CB6 3UQ.

Crafty way to spend holiday

SPRINGTIME arts and crafts sessions will take place at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve tomorrow.

Children of all ages are invited to unleash their creative sides from 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4pm.

On Monday, a Hideous Histories event will also be held where youngsters will be able to discover life as a soldier of Hereward the Wake.

The event will run from 11am-3.30pm.

On Wednesday, there's Wildlife Detectives workshops throughout the day.

For more information on the events, call the reserve on (01353) 720274.

Dance night away for trust

A DISCO will be held in Littleport on Saturday to raise money for the Nicole Wilson Trust.

DM Roadshow will host the event at the Littleport Leisure Centre from 7.30-12pm.

Tickets are priced at £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for under-16s.

For tickets or more information, call (01353) 860600.

Find a bargain at village sale

SHOPPERS will be able to pick up a bargain at a table top sale in Haddenham on Saturday, April 17.

The event will be held at the Arkenstall Centre between 10am and 4pm.

There are currently around 20 tables still available.

To book a table or for more information, call Barbara on (01353) 740453.

Ramblers off to the seaside

THE East Cambs Ramblers Group will be hiking around Holme-next-the-Sea in Norfolk on Sunday.

The eight-mile walk will take in open views from the coast and nature reserves.

For start times and more information, call Chris on (01353) 723150.

Eel catcher is special guest

LOCAL eel catcher Peter Carter will be the guest speaker at Haddenham Conservation Society's next meeting.

He will give a talk entitled 'Eels, punts and willows – a life on the Fen'.

The meeting will be at the village's Arkenstall Centre next Tuesday at 8pm.

Cross-bearers join annual pilgrimage

Heavy load: above, the pilgrims set off for Walsingham, carrying the cross to celebrate what Jesus means to them. Below, the Ely March of Witness from St Mary's to the Market Place. Pictures: CP/Richard Patterson 639072 .

PILGRIMS took part in a 67-mile journey from Ely, carrying a 9ft wooden cross to mark Easter week.

Worshippers from all branches of the Christian faith joined forces to make the trip to Walsingham in north Norfolk.

More than 250 people from around England met at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Good Friday.

A spokesman for Student Cross, the longest-running annual pilgrimage in the country, said 30 pilgrims set off from Ely.

Adrian Gibbons, from the United Reformed Church, said spirits were high despite the poor weather.

"It takes three people to hold the cross up – two at the sides and one at the back," said Mr Gibbons.

"It is a celebration of Jesus' life, Easter and the resurrection. It is really to do something in memory of what Christ did for us."

He added: "One or two motorists got a little irritated with us, but on the whole people are really welcoming as we pass through their villages."

A cross was also carried through Ely on Good Friday in the annual March of Witness.

The ritual, which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion, started at St Mary's Church in the city.

The procession then went down Palace Green and the High Street.

The event preceded a special service, the preaching and proclamation of the Cross with the liturgy of the sacrament, at Ely Cathedral.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "The cross is carried not in imitation of Christ on the road to Golgotha but as a sign of victory, thus continuing the emphasis of the Johannine crucifixion narration, in which Christ's death is seen as his glorification."

Flood claim shortfall forces store to close

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A POPULAR clothing retailer forced to shut up shop after being flooded in a storm will stay closed.

The *Weekly News* can confirm that Nicholsons, on Forehill, Ely, will not reopen.

Owner Clare Nicholson said she had lost "far too much money" in her effort to fully refurbish and relaunch the womenswear shop.

The store used to attract a loyal clientele but it was closed in August last year after a storm pushed dirty drainwater through the door.

At first, staff thought only a quick mop-up was needed. But they later discovered the flood – caused after a nearby drain burst – had left damage running into thousands of pounds, and more than six months later, the premises were still awaiting repairs.

Mrs Nicholson, along with the building's landlady, Elaine Griffin-Singh, blasted Anglian Water chiefs for their "inefficiency" in sorting out the problem.

Speaking at the time, Mrs Griffin-Singh, also chairman of the Ely Traders' Association, said: "It feels like my property is just being left to rot and the mould in there is really bad."

Mrs Nicholson, who also owns a womenswear shop in Holt, Norfolk, told the *Weekly News* this week that she had decided not to reopen the store.

She said: "Nearly eight months after the initial flood at our Ely store, we have finally reached a settlement with our insurance company.

"Unfortunately, we have not been adequately compensated for what we lost, and as a result we are very sorry to say that we will not be reopening in Ely.

"We would like to thank all our Ely customers for supporting the business when it was open, and for their messages of support and encouragement during the last eight months."

Mrs Nicholson is now extending her 10 per cent discount offer from her Holt store to all Ely customers.

Poor condition: this dog, named Jenny by rescuers, was left tied to a tree in Ely.

Owner leaves poorly pooch tied to a tree

A SICK dog was found tied to a tree late at night.

The whippet/Jack Russell cross, which has been named Jenny, was very thin and had long overgrown nails when it was discovered.

The 5-year-old, which is white and tan, was spotted by a member of the public on a farm track off King's Avenue, Ely.

It was later taken to Wood Green animal shelter in Godmanchester, where it was diagnosed with a long-term eye condition.

The RSPCA has appealed for help to trace the owner.

RSPCA inspector Richard Lythgoe said: "She was in a very poorly condition when she was brought to us, but she has now started to gain some weight.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who may have information about the owner of this dog, or who may recognise the description of her, and we urge them to get in touch with the RSPCA as soon as possible."

Call the RSPCA on 0300 1234999.

'Deer numbers are a problem'

THE row over calls to cull ravenous muntjac deer in the Ely area has taken another twist.

Just a week after animal lovers hit out at calls to slaughter the brown-coloured critters – which have been munching their way through Soham and Wicken residents' gardens – a licensed rifleman has told the *Weekly News* he is willing to take on the job.

Darren Clements, who owns Mildenhall-based firms Wildlife Management and Pest Detectives, said people are understandably angry about the destruction caused by the invaders, which originate from China and were introduced into the UK in the early 20th century.

The Labrador-sized creatures may appear cute and cuddly but their large appetites and rapid breeding patterns are spiralling out of control, residents claim.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Ann Jarman, 72, who owns the Old Fire Engine House in Ely, is among the residents calling for a cull.

She has been trying to create woodlands on land in Soham for years but the deer are eating everything she plants.

She said: "I understand they are sweet little things but when there are too many of them they are nothing but pests.

"Their populations need controlling and I think the only answer is to cull them."

Farmers from Wicken, who did not want to be named, are also demanding a mass cull.

Julie White, from Soham, was appalled by the suggestion.

She said: "Do we really need to keep killing off our wildlife?

"Everything has a right to live."

But Mr Clements, who has been in the business for around 15 years, agreed the muntjac were becoming a problem.

He said: "They eat every bush and tree in sight, which is why gardeners and farmers are becoming increasingly frustrated.

"But they are also a hazard on the roads. People constantly have to swerve to avoid them on the roads and it is dangerous.

"These deer breed throughout the year and it is a fact that they need controlling, just like foxes and other creatures."

Mr Clements said anyone with a muntjac deer problem on their land should contact him.

He added: "There will be people out there who think I am cruel but that is not the case.

"Wildlife management is about responding to people's needs and only killing when these animals become a problem."

To contact Mr Clements, email *darren@wildlifemanagement.co.uk*

Time for walkies to raise RSPCA funds

DOG owners are being reminded about a sponsored walk on Sunday.

The Cambridge and District branch of the RSPCA is inviting all dog owners on the walk, which starts at the end of St Audrey's Close, Histon.

It will raise much-needed cash for the charity.

To take part or to help out on the day, which runs from 10.30am-12.30pm, call Rosemary on (01954) 251331 or 07906 899321

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TUESDAY:

Littleport - Leisure Centre, Camel Road @ 9.30am & 6.00 & 7.30pm Tel: Sharon 01353 861499

Ely - Paradise Sports Centre @ 7.00pm Tel: Susie 07704842504

Newmarket - Ditton Lodge First School, St Johns Avenue @ 5.45pm & 7.45pm Tel: Sarah 01638 604947

WEDNESDAY:

Ely - Paradise Sports Centre @ 9.30am Tel: Susie 07704842504

Ely - Paradise Sports Centre @ 6.00pm Tel: Diane 01353 723381

Newmarket - Scaltback Middle School, Elizabeth Avenue @ 7.00pm Tel: Sarah 01638 604947

THURSDAY:

Swaffham Prior - Village Hall @ 5.30 & 7.00pm Tel: Sharon 01353 861499

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Three-year road ban for carer after vodka binge

A CARE home worker was four times over the drink-drive limit when she fell asleep at the wheel of her car moments after arriving at work, a court heard.

Pauline Millard, 54, drank a quarter bottle of diluted vodka before leaving home at 7.30am to make the five-minute journey to work on Sunday, February 28.

Colleagues became worried when she failed to arrive on time and called her son-in-law, who later found Millard, from March, fast asleep inside her vehicle.

Friends initially feared Millard, who has diabetes, had fallen into a diabetic coma but when paramedics arrived they noticed the smell of alcohol on her breath.

They contacted police who later arrested Millard at her daughter's home six hours later, where they found she was still four times over the limit.

Prosecutor Andrea Fawcett told Fenland magistrates in Wisbech that Millard claimed she was just tired when arrested.

A blood test taken from her at 2pm showed a reading of 324 mgs of alcohol in 100 mls of blood – the legal limit is 80 mgs.

Millard, who admitted drink-driving, was banned from driving for three years and ordered to do 240 hours of unpaid work.

Authors talk about books

AUTHOR Philip Ball will be in Ely this evening.

He will be talking about his new book, *The Music Instinct*, at Toppings Bookshop.

The book looks at the effects that music has had on us as a species.

The talk starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 or £5.

Next Wednesday, Rose Tremain will visit St Peter's Church in the city to talk about her novel, *Trespass*.

For more information about either event, call (01353) 645005 or visit *www.toppingbooks.co.uk*

Fire crews free casualty

FIREFIGHTERS and paramedics were called to a collision in Littleport.

The incident happened in Ely Road at 7.20am last Thursday.

Two crews from Ely and a rescue vehicle from Cambridge arrived to find the accident involved one car.

One casualty was released from the vehicle using specialist cutting equipment and was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

Fashionable fundraiser

A FASHION show will be held on Monday to raise money for East Anglia's Children Hospices (EACH).

The show is on at St Mary's Church, Ely, from 2-4pm and is being organised by the church's Monday Club.

Clothes are being supplied by Edinburgh Woollen Mill and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

Entry is £4.

Vandals break in

YOBS broke into a building in Prickwillow by smashing a window with a brick.

The incident happened in Old Bank between 7.45am and 7.30pm on March 31.

Nothing was taken.

Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Spotlight on fen poet

BRYAN Jones will be the guest at the Fenland History on Friday's next talk.

Mr Jones will lead a talk entitled 'William Harrison, the Fenland poet' tomorrow.

Meetings are held at Ely Library from 10.30am-noon and entry is £2.50 on the door.

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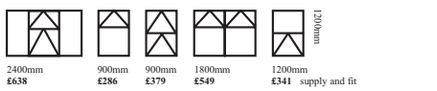

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Vintage machines hit the road for charity fundraiser

A VINTAGE vehicle rally held in memory of two East Cambridgeshire residents has raised more than £900 for charity.

A total of 32 vehicles, including tractors, lorries and classic cars took part in the annual Littleport Vintage Road Run on Easter Sunday.

The rally is held in memory of Littleport man Andrew Cowlan who died in his 40s six years ago, and 16-year-old Nicholas Leggett, who was killed in a car crash in Angel Drove, Ely, in October 2001.

Diane Graves, one of the organisers, said: "Sunday's rally was brilliant and we were delighted with the turn out.

"We are also very pleased with the amount raised and there is likely to still be some more cash coming in.

"It is amazing to see the vehicles travelling along the roads and then we stopped in Ely's Market Place for more than an hour where people were intrigued to see them all lined up.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped us make this year's rally such a huge success."

The money is being split between PULSE to help buy new equipment at the town's doctor's surgery and the prostate cancer ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Help us keep readers up to date with events in Littleport. If your club or group is planning an event, let us know. Contact Jordan Day at *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk* or write to: Jordan Day, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely CB74NP.

Joy at funding success to fix flood-prone sites

RESIDENTS forced to deal with flooding since the late 1990s are breathing a sigh of relief.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) has been awarded £100,000 to tackle the issue of surface water flooding in Littleport.

The authority was one of 49 councils to be awarded a share of £5.3 million in funding by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

People living in properties on Victoria Street, Willow Court and Station Road have seen their gardens and outbuildings flooded numerous times over the years.

Houses in The Hythe, The Holmes and Silt Road have also been vulnerable following heavy rainfall.

Council bosses say the amount of water being discharged through the town's drainage system exceeds the local capacity, which results in the flooding.

Cllr Tony Parramint, chairman of ECDC's environment and transport committee, said: "In a recent national review, the Environment Agency estimated two-thirds of flooding was caused by surface water but to tackle the problem local authorities need the funding.

"Our plan now is to get on with the work and ensure that the many residents who have been affected in the past no longer have to fear a heavy storm."

The new funding will be used to design a new scheme which will mitigate the flood risk arising from surface water to residential properties. It will also safeguard the ongoing maintenance of drainage in the five areas of the town.

The works will be completed before March 2011.

Cllr Parramint added: "Defra received over 282 bids from councils across the country for the funding.

"Thanks to an excellent submission from our officers we have received the full grant of £100,000 to tackle flooding in five areas of Littleport, which have suffered badly in the past."

Grenville Goodson, chairman of the Littleport Society, said the work will come as a "huge relief" for residents.

He said: "This is wonderful news.

"When there's heavy rain in the area there are many people who dread the consequences as the drains simply cannot cope.

"Hopefully these improvements will eliminate the occurrence of flooding, which will certainly come as a huge relief to residents.

"It is improvements like these that Littleport desperately needs."

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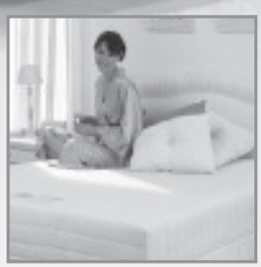

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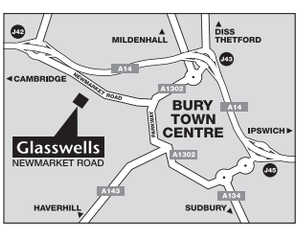

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Spring in for holiday fun

A WIDE range of activities are taking place at Ely Museum to mark the start of spring.
The Spring Time Fun events are being held from today until April 15 from 11am-12.30pm.
Youngsters will able to unleash their creative sides with a range of arts and crafts sessions, as well as make kites, spring flowers and tasty treats.
The activities cost £2.50 and are suitable for children aged 5-11.
To book tickets, call the museum on (01353) 666655 or visit *www.elymuseum.org.uk*

Conversion bid for gym

THE City of Ely Community College could soon boast some new training facilities.
The school has applied for planning permission to convert its existing hall/gymnasium.
East Cambridgeshire District Council is expected to make a decision on the proposals within the next eight weeks.
To view the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Conservatory plan for home

A PROPERTY in Ely's Cardinals Way could soon boast a new conservatory.
Mrs H Kirby has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to erect the new facility.
The proposed conservatory is timber framed and glazed.
A decision is expected within the next two months.

Grrrrr: above and right, pupils and their families at the Waterland Treasures and Fen Tiger Tales opening party at Ely Cathedral. Pictures: Andrew Hatfield.

Tiger and treasure tales inspire family artworks

FENLAND myths have become reality in the Ely area.

More than 250 children and their families have been taking part in the Waterland Treasures and Fen Tiger Tales workshops.

The event's opening party was launched at Ely Cathedral, which saw pupils and community members from Ely's High Barns area and Sutton unveiling their artwork.

Visitors to the cathedral even enjoyed live music from Cambridge band Session at Somewhere and poetry written by local residents.

The project was organised by Vital Communities and has involved participants working with visual artists Jane Thewlis and John Wiltshire, as well as poet John Lyons and musician Geoff Williams.

Participants, aged 3 to 73 have been able to draw, paint, sing, construct and compose their own new artworks, which have included paintings, sculptures, songs and poems.

The work has been on display at Ely Cathedral.

Susan Potter, Vital Communities' joint project manager, said: "Vital Communities is a true celebration of different art forms and diverse cultures.

"In bringing everyone together through creative events such as these, we are hoping to help promote the 'social glue' in our communities.

"It's also about learning through inspiring and enjoyable activities."

Pub problem for 'disgusted' mum

A MOTHER has criticised a family-friendly pub after she claims she was made to feel "extremely unwelcome" there.

Emma Banks, 19, was having lunch in The Hereward, on Market Street, with her 3-year-old son Callum and a friend when problems started.

Miss Banks, of Hills Lane, Ely, claims she was spoken to in a "condescending" manner and is demanding an apology.

She said: "The manageress was so rude and condescending. She made us feel so uncomfortable that we left midway through our pudding.

"The pub claims it is family-friendly and that kids are welcome there but I really don't think that is the case."

BY JORDAN DAY

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Miss Banks and her friend, Fleur Cooper, believe the manageress became agitated because Callum was waving out of the window.

The trio had been in the pub's restaurant area for around an hour and had eaten their main course.

Miss Banks said: "Just like all 3-year-olds, Callum struggles to sit still for long periods so sitting at the table for around an hour is good in my opinion.

"All he did was walk over to the window and wave at people passing by – I had my eye on him all the time.

"The manageress then came over and said 'We're not a house, we're a restaurant' in an extremely unwelcoming tone."

The mum then tried to get her son to come back to the table but says he was agitated and started to grumble.

She added: "The woman then complained again and said that I needed to control him. We felt so uncomfortable we left halfway through our desserts.

"I'm disgusted at how we were treated as Callum was not harming or disturbing anyone."

Gary Thomson, joint manager of The Hereward, insisted the pub is family-orientated.

He said: "We welcome children who are accompanied by an adult and eating between noon and 5pm.

"I seriously doubt my colleague would have been rude to a customer as that is not her manner and the majority of our customers are delighted with the service we provide.

"However, there are always some people who go out of their way to complain.

"If children behave and are not a nuisance to others then we more than welcome them."

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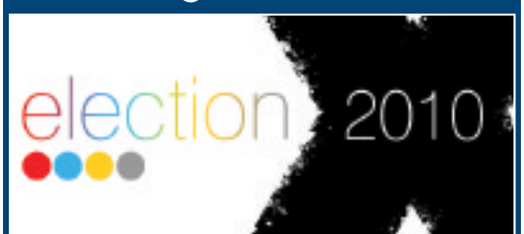

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Going up: Tom and Brendan Reid, from Stow-cum-Quy, help to construct the willow tunnel. CP

Maze days with willow tunnel

VISITORS and National Trust volunteers have pitched in to help construct a living willow play area for children at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve.

The willow tunnel, situated between the visitor centre and the café, incorporates a maze of enclosed tunnels with portholes and an open play area, which will also be used for storytelling.

The structure was designed by local weaver Nadine Anderson, who runs regular weaving courses at the fen.

The structure took two weekends to build and will "green up" when the willow comes into leaf.

Visitor services manager, Isabel Sedgwick said: "The tunnel is designed to be a natural and visually appealing structure which provides a safe area for children to play and let their imaginations run wild.

"It was fantastic to see so many local families helping to build the tunnel which will be used and enjoyed by children for years to come."

Kings in running for Golden crown

A GARAGE located just outside Ely has been voted the best in the East of England.

Kings of Witcham, an independent Volvo specialist, has been named as one of the UK's Golden Garages and is one step away from reaching the top.

It comes after motorists from across the Ely area voted the garage, located on The Slade, as the best in the Motor Codes Golden Garages competition.

Colin Every, a spokesman for the garage, said: "To make it through to the final stage as one of the UK's best 10 garages on public votes is a fantastic accolade in itself.

"We're very excited about being nominated the best garage in our area and will be doing all we can to try to become the UK's Golden Garage!"

Kings of Witcham won out against four other local garages named in the top 50 shortlist and will also receive prizes with a value of up to £1,000.

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The garage is now in with the chance of being named winner of Motor Codes' Golden Garages campaign and crowned the best service and repair garage in the UK.

Chris Mason, Motor Codes director said: "Despite there being many very good garages in the East of England, the public's bad experiences with some has brought about a lack of trust, which is why we're running the Golden Garages campaign.

"Customer surveys show that 93 per cent of customers visiting Motor Codes garages across the UK are satisfied with the service they receive, we'd like every motorist to be able to get this high level of service every time."

For more information about the competition, visit *www.goldengarages.co.uk*

Man grew cannabis in garage

A CANNABIS grower secretly cultivated weed in his garage – while his wife thought he was tinkering with his old motorbike, a court heard.

David Bearman, 38, disguised an 8ft square growing room in the back of his garage with plasterboard.

When officers raided his home in Wimblington, near March, they found nine plants with a street value of £2,000, a bag of cannabis worth £120 and a book on growing marijuana.

Wisbech magistrates sentenced Bearman to do 150 hours of unpaid work.

Some interesting facts about

HAVE a flutter on the biggest event in the racing calendar as horses and jockeys line up to compete in The Grand National.

The annual race is due to take place at Anfield on Saturday, April 10.

Here are some interesting facts and figures about the sporting institution which may affect your bet.

- The first Grand National was held in 1839 and started two hours late after confusion over weighing procedures.
- Last year's Grand National winner Mon Mome was the biggest-priced winner of the Aintree spectacular since the infamous 1967 race when Foinavon also won at 100-1. Only three other horses have won at such extravagant odds: Tipperary Tim (1928), Gregalach (1929), and Caughoo (1947).
- The number of starters has varied dramatically over the race's history with just 10 in 1883 to 66 in 1929.
- Eight minutes and 47.8 seconds is the fastest ever time that the race has been competed in. The victory time was made by Mr Frisk in 1990.
- The 1839 National gave us the legendary Becher's Brook, jumped as the sixth and 22nd fence in the great race. Captain Martin Becher fell from his horse Conrad at the ditch and crawled into the brook to escape the rest of the field jumping on him. He is reported to have said he never knew water tasted so foul without whisky in it. There have been many fallers at this notorious fence since then and in 1990 Becher's Brook was straightened and the ditch partially filled in to make it safer.
- Only two grey horses have ever won the Grand National in its 150-year history, The Lamb (1868 and 1871) and Nicolaus Silver (1961).
- Charlotte Brew became the first woman to ride in the Grand National in 1977. Her mount Barony Fort refused at the fourth-last fence. Geraldine Rees was the first to complete the course, on Cheers in 1982. Rosemary Henderson, a 51-year-old grandmother, finished fifth on Fiddlers Pike in 1994. Carrie Ford will be trying to win this time aboard Forest Gunner.
- Abd-El-Kader was the first horse to win back-to-back Nationals, in 1850 and 1851. The Colonel, (1869 and 1870), Reynoldstown (1935 and 1936) and Red Rum (1973 and 1974) have also retained the crown.
- Nickel Coin was the last mare to win the Grand National, in 1951. Closest to scoring for the fairer sex in recent years have been Dubacilla and Ebony Jane, fourth in 1995 and 1994 respectively, and Auntie Dot, third in 1991.
- Tom Oliver is the most experienced jockey in the history of the Grand National. He has taken part in a record 18 races – winning three.
- No horse can match Red Rum's Grand National record.Winner of the race in 1973 and 1974, he was second the next two years before his historic third victory in 1977. After his retirement on the eve of the National in 1978, he regularly led the parade of runners before the start. He died in 1995 and is buried by the winning post at Aintree.
- Trainer Vincent O'Brien had three successive winners – all different horses – in the 1950s. The roll of honour read Early Mist (1953), Royal Tan (1954) and Quare Times (1955).
- Aintree racecourse is now licensed for wedding ceremonies. Couples can tie the knot in the Valentine suite of the Queen Mother stand before moving on to the Becher suite for a wedding breakfast, with the whole site available for memorable photographs.

MADISON DU BERLAIS Trainer: David Pipe. Has top-class form to his name after beating Denman and finishing in the wake of Kauto Star over the last two years. Represents a yard which has won this race but hard to envisage him playing a hand under top weight. **Rating (out of 10) 4**

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MON MOME Trainer: Venetia Williams. Last year's runaway winner is peaking at the right time and proved he is in form with a third-place finish in the Gold Cup last month. No horse since Red Rum in 1973-4 has won consecutive Nationals but Mon Mome rates as a knocking each-way bet. **8**

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BLACK APALACHI Trainer: Dessie Hughes. Irish raider who was tanking along when unshipping his pilot at Becher's second time round 12 months ago, and fell early the previous year. A winner over the fences having taken the 2008 Becher Chase. Sound claims but last year may have been his year. **6**

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JOE LIVELY Trainer: Colin Tizzard. Cheltenham specialist who has not won away from his favourite course since his novice days in 2007. An ideal candidate in that he jumps and has stamina to spare, but his chances would be greater if the race was at Cheltenham. **5**

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VIC VENTURI Trainer: Dessie Hughes. Proved himself over the fences in the Becher Chase last November and warmed up for his return visit by beating stablemate Black Apalachi in February. Was no better than mid-division in the 2009 Irish National and has work to do. **6**

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COMPLY OR DIE Trainer: David Pipe. Provided his trainer with a Grand National win when taking this in 2008. Ran his only decent race since when second last year. Loves the fences and another bold show is possible but a minor placing the best he can hope for. **7**

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DON'T PUSH IT Trainer: Jonjo O'Neill. Developing into a useful staying chaser and latest run when pulled up over hurdles at Cheltenham best ignored. A winner over the Mildmay course at the National meeting and while he may go well, he is too far on the wrong side of 11st to win. **7**

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MADE IN TAIPAN Trainer: Tom Mullins. Has solid Grade One form to his name in Ireland and left Cheltenham blip behind when chasing home Glencove Marina latest. Takes a massive step up in trip and hard to see him lasting it out. **4**

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TRICKY TRICKSTER Trainer: Paul Nicholls. Finished strongly to pip Niche Market at Newbury but was poor in the Gold Cup. Changed hands for big money last summer and bought with the National in mind. Passed over by Ruby Walsh. **5**

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CLOUDY LANE Trainer: Donald McCain. This family know more than most how to prepare one for the National. Slipping down the weights but not shown enough this year to suggest he is up to the task and will do well to repeat his sixth of 2008. **4.**

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CAN'T BUY TIME Trainer: Jonjo O'Neill. Fell in the race just past the halfway stage last year but is well suited by a test of stamina. However, jumping errors have contributed to two of his defeats this term and that has to be a big worry over these fences. **6**

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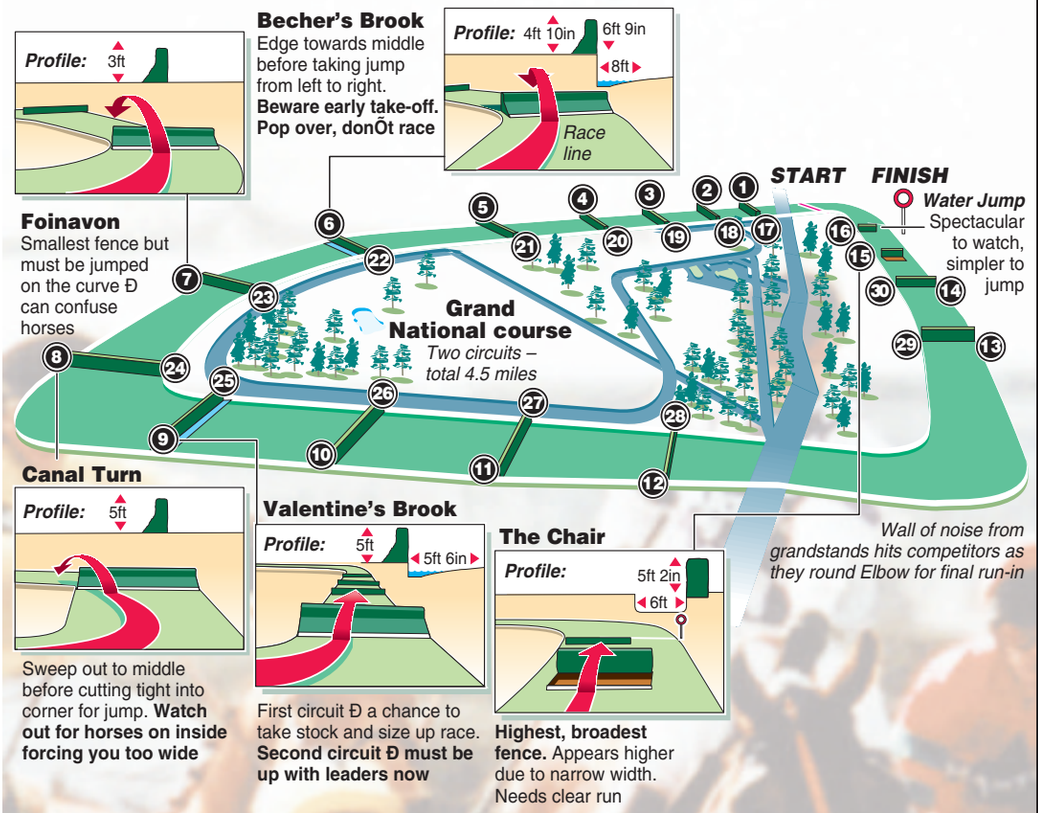

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SNOWY MORNING Trainer: Willie Mullins. Almost back to the same mark as when a close third in this two years ago and heads to Liverpool in fine form. Not in great heart last season when down the field in ninth and much better expected this time from an attractive-looking weight. **10**

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BALLYFITZ Trainer: Nigel Twiston-Davies. Has flipped between hurdling and chasing this year, with mixed results. Jumping errors over fences has to be of concern as they cost him any chance in the Hennessy and there is no room for mistakes here. **5**

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THE PACKAGE Trainer: David Pipe. Extremely progressive in his four starts over fences this term, culminating with his second in the William Hill Trophy at Cheltenham. Does not lack experience over jumps with eight starts, but no 7yo has won the race since 1940 and this may come a year too soon. **7**

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STATE OF PLAY Trainer: Evan Williams. Best fresh so absence since November no drawback and races off a mark 5lb lower than when fourth last spring. However, made errors on that occasion and pulled up in the Hennessy. Weighted to go well but best days may be behind him. **7**

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KING JOHNS CASTLE Trainer: Arthur Moore. Ran a cracker to chase home Comply Or Die in this two years ago. Injury prevented him from returning last year and he has shown little since then to recommend him. **4**

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FLINTOFF Trainer: Venetia Williams. Represents last year's winning trainer but yet to run since returning to her care earlier in the year. Has some useful staying form to his name and no forlorn hope if produced fit and well. **6**

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ELLERSLIE GEORGE Trainer: Nick Mitchell. Helped complete a memorable day for the trainer at Wincanton last November but beaten a long way in attempts at both the Topham and Becher Chases and even a career-best effort won't be good enough. **3**

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OLLIE MAGERN Trainer: Nigel Twiston-Davies. Game front-runner who saves his best for the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby every October. Failed in the National last year when falling and lacks the size and scope to make an impact. **3**

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ABBEYBRANEY Trainer: Howard Johnson. Marked himself down as a progressive stayer earlier in the campaign but pulled up over four miles at Cheltenham latest and needs to bounce back. **5**

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Sports and music for youngsters

CHILDREN will be able to burn off their extra Easter egg calories with a range of sporting events in the Ely area.

Premier Sport is hosting a special Easter Holiday Club for youngsters aged 5 to 12 from across the region.

From today until April 15, multi-sports and dance activities will be running at Robert Arkenstall Primary School, Haddenham, each day from 10am-3pm.

Participants will be able to try a range of sports including football, basketball, tennis, tag rugby and netball.

There will also be fun games including dodgeball, bulldog and penalty shoot-outs, as well as hip-hop dancing, high school musicals and street moves.

Similar activities are being held at the Paradise Centre, Ely, on April 12 and at Stretham Community Primary School from April 13-19.

The workshops cost £12.95 and are open to all youngsters.

To book or for more information, call (01953) 499042 or visit *www.premiersport.org*

Life in pictures: from left, Mary Elizabeth, Edward James, Emily Haysom, Shannon, Mark and Sylvie with Zoe Davidson at the Babylon. CP.

Pictures tell travellers' tales of life on the move

YOUNG travellers gave an insight into their lives by holding a photographic exhibition at an Ely gallery.

***A Piece of Me* at the Babylon Gallery featured work from five young travellers living in East Cambridgeshire.**

The show, which is part of the lottery-funded youth arts programme, attracted more than 300 visitors. It was managed by ADeC (Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire), which helped all five young people work towards their Bronze Arts Award.

More than 200 young people have been involved with the Transformers project over the last three years.

Zoe Davidson, ADeC projects officer, who organised the show, said: "It was so well received we're bringing the show back to the gallery this week and it will run until to Sunday.

"The young people were very proud to see their work exhibited in a professional gallery.

"It was also lovely to have such a positive response from our visitors who were impressed with the quality of the work."

She said the show might go on tour later this year, and photographs from the launch can be seen on ADeC's Facebook page.

School's bid for new rooms

A SOHAM school could soon boast new temporary classrooms.
Cambridgeshire County Council has applied for planning permission to build two temporary buildings at The Weatheralls Primary School on Pratt Street in Ely.
The buildings would be used as classrooms until the end of August 2012 to help with the region's shortfall of primary school places.
East Cambridgeshire District Council is expected to make a decision on the proposals within the next eight weeks.
To view the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Extension plans go in

A STUNTNEY property could be extended.
Mr and Mrs A Morbey, of Soham Road, have applied for planning permission to extend their home.
The application includes building a two-storey brick-faced cross wing and a one-and-a-half storey weather-boarded wing.
East Cambridgeshire District Council is expected to make a decision within the next eight weeks.

Crafty thieves raid wool shop

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

WOOL thieves are forcing a businesswoman to consider giving up her trade.

Barbara Curtis, who runs Curtis Crafts in The Cloisters, Ely, is "sick and tired" of yarns being stolen from her kiosk and is demanding action to catch the culprits.

The 56-year-old, who lives in Soham, is also having buttons, knitting patterns and needles taken.

Mrs Curtis, who suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome and multiple chemical sensitivity, said: "People might question why someone would steal items like yarns but they are worth money and they are my livelihood.

"I also think that whoever is stealing them thinks I don't know, but I do and I am sick and tired of it.

"I have considered giving up because of it all but then I thought why should I give in?"

Angry: Barbara Curtis is fed up with having stock stolen.

Mrs Curtis opened the kiosk last winter after taking it over from another trader but Milton Keynes-based firm Dexter Brown, which owns the kiosks, did not change the locks.

The businesswoman is now demanding that the locks be changed.

Mrs Curtis said: "The other evening I left a bin full of yarns inside the kiosk overnight and when I returned the following morning it was only three-quarters full.

"Buttons, knitting needles and patterns have also gone missing recently and it is all happening overnight.

"Someone is getting inside the kiosk during darkness without having to break in.

"At first I thought it was me imagining things, but that is not the case and it is very unnerving.

"My locks need changing and I think they should be changed each time someone new takes over the kiosks – that way it is only those people who can access them."

Police said no thefts had been reported from the craft shop, but they had dealt with incidents involving nearby shops.

A spokeswoman said: "We take any report of shoplifting seriously.

"Since the start of the year 10 incidents of shoplifting from shops in the Cloisters in Ely have been reported to the police.

"In all 10 of these incidents suspects have been arrested."

Cottages for couple

TWO new homes could be built in Sutton.
East Cambridgeshire District Council has received a planning application for a pair of semi-detached, two-bedroom cottages to be built on land at the rear of 22 High Street.
The applicant is Mr and Mrs M and S Azzopardi from Blackpool.
A decision should be made within the next two months.

Farewell to head verger

THE head verger of Ely Cathedral, Matthew Austin, has left his post.
After 15 years service at the cathedral, Mr Austin has been appointed senior custodian at the King's School Ely.
A statement in the cathedral newsletter said: "The chapter and the cathedral community wish Matthew every blessing in his new life."

Date set for AGM

FENPROBE, the talking news service for East Cambridgeshire, will hold its AGM on Tuesday, April 20.
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Folk music stars line up for festival

KRIS Kristofferson and Natalie Merchant will head the line-up for the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Tickets for Cambridge residents are expected to go on sale on May 9 with national booking opening on May 16.

BY RAYMOND BROWN

The line-up will also include Seasick Steve, Seth Lakeman, The Imagined Village, Sharon Shannon, The Unthanks and the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

US songwriter, actor and Grammy Award winning country music legend Kris Kristofferson will play his only outdoor UK festival at Cherry Hinton Hall.

And there will be an exclusive UK summer festival performance from Natalie Merchant, one of America's most respected singer-songwriters.

She is known for her solo work and as lead vocalist and lyricist with 10,000 Maniacs.

Californian hobo, the oldest Brit award nominee in history, Seasick Steve, who became an overnight success in his 60s for his unique take on blues, roots and country music, will also perform.

Multi-cultural collective The Imagined Village, with interpretations of English traditional compositions, will play.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain will perform unique, fun reworkings of rock 'n' roll, punk, jazz and classical music.

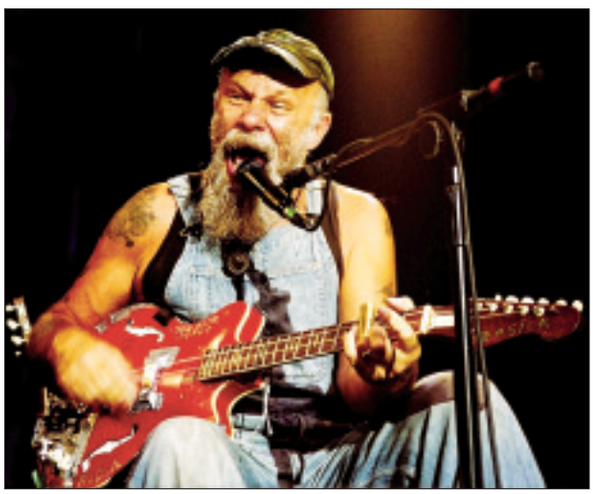
Organisers hailed the bill as "eclectic and exciting" and warned that tickets are set to sell out quickly.

The line-up also includes rockabilly singer Imelda May, songwriter and guitarist Rokia Traoré, acoustic duo Show Of Hands, and folk big-band The Unusual Suspects.

Special appearances continue with North Carolina-based trio the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Serbian brass ensemble Boban & Marko Markovic Orchestra and Gretchen Peters. Eagerly anticipated performances include shanty singers Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends and the Quebe Sisters Band.

The Co-operative Cambridge Folk Festival is promoted by Cambridge City Council Arts and Entertainments and takes place from July 29 to August 1.

For details of the full line-up and to book tickets visit *www.cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk*



Legends: among the stellar line-up at this year's festival will be Kris Kristofferson, below, Seasick Steve, left, The Unthanks, above, and Seth Lakeman, far left.

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Spotlight on the code breaker

THEATRE-GOERS have the chance to see a play about the life and work of a national hero whose personal lifestyle led to public humiliation and personal unhappiness.

Breaking the Code, by Hugh Whitemore, is based on the book *Alan Turing, The Enigma* about the Bletchley Park wartime Enigma hero.

Arguably the founder of computer science, original thinker and mathematical genius, Turing developed a decoding machine that enabled Britain to crack the secret wartime codes of the German Enigma system. His work, and that of his colleagues, saved hundreds of thousands of lives and helped prevent Nazi domination of half the globe. Turing was publicly feted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and awarded the OBE after the Second World War.

Turing knew Cambridge well. He was a graduate of Kings College in 1931 and made a Fellow in 1935. The college has its own commemorative archive. Much in the news last year, Bletchley Park Trust was awarded Heritage Lottery funding that should secure the future of this national museum. A statue of Alan Turing was unveiled there in 2007.

In September 2009 the Prime Minister was persuaded to issue a posthumous public apology to Turing. Had Turing lived now there would have been no persecution and his life's work would not have been cut short.

This compelling, powerful and poignant play, directed by Pat Hamilton, focuses on Turing the man. Supported by an experienced and talented cast, the role of Turing will be played by James Dowson.

The Combined Actors production at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge runs from Tuesday, April 13 until Saturday April 17. Tickets priced £9 / £7 can be booked online at *www.adctheatre.com* or phone (01223) 300 085.

Command, control and tragedy under the sea

AFTER a triumphant run at the Young Vic in London and in Edinburgh last year, The Junction in Cambridge will play host to *Kursk* later this month as it goes out on national tour this spring.

Nominated for a Whatsonstage Award for Best Off West End Production and an Evening Standard Award for Best Design in 2009, *Kursk* is a powerfully immersive theatrical experience inspired by the Russian submarine disaster of August 2000.

Pioneering theatre company Sound&Fury and playwright Bryony Lavery recreate the life of submariners, deep below the icy seas on the fraying front line of the Cold War.

In consultation with former submariners and naval psychologists, Sound&Fury have created an environment of submarine warfare, transporting the audience to a confined underwater world of command and control, secrecy and codes, fear and camaraderie.

The Guardian described it as "a descent into an unfamiliar world, fusing ethical dilemmas and environmental excitement to create something wholly original".

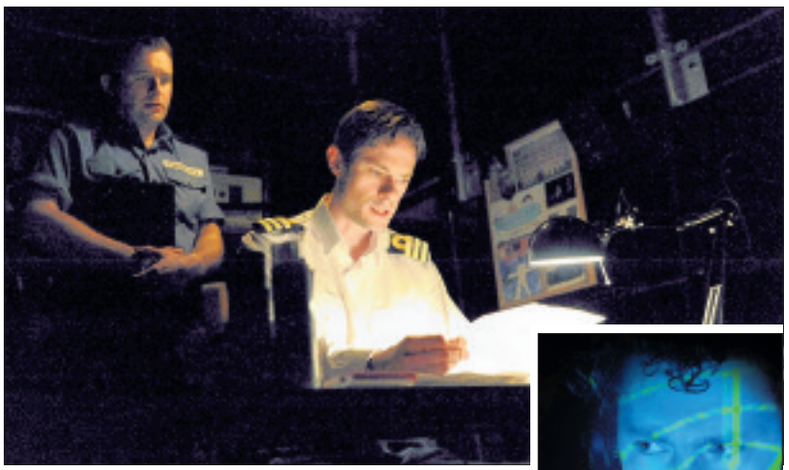
The cast includes Ian Ashpitel, Keir Charles, Tom Espiner, Laurence Mitchell and Jonah Russell. Ian Ashpitel, Tom Espiner and Laurence Mitchell also appeared in the 2009 production.

Lavery's plays include *Frozen* (winner of the TMA Best New Play Award and nominated for four Tonys), *Stockholm* (winner of the 2008 Whiting Award) and the radio play *No Joan of Arc* (nominated for a Sony Award). Her recent projects include *A Christmas Carol* (Birmingham Rep), *Wicked Lady* (New Vic) and a revival of her play *The Origin of the Species* (Arcola).

Besides co-directing work with Sound&Fury, Mark Espiner has worked on theatre projects with David Glass, Tom Morris (*Disembodied*) and Mark Anstee (*Names of the Dead*). He also works as a freelance journalist for various publications including the *Financial Times*.

Fellow director Dan Jones wrote the score for Academy Award-nominated feature film *Shadow of the Vampire* and won the Ivor Novello Award Best Film Score for *Max*. His music and sound design credits include *A Prayer for My Daughter*, Tim Crouch's multi-award-winning *England* and Zinnie *Harris' Fall*.

Tom Espiner's acting credits include *Peggy For You* (Hampstead & West End), *The Firework-Maker's Daughter (Told by an Idiot)*, *Twelfth Night*, *Anything Goes* and Bryony Lavery's *Yikes!*



Under the waves: *Kursk* comes to The Junction later this month. CP.

Kursk*, The Junction, Cambridge, Wednesday, April 21 to Saturday April 24, nightly at 8pm with a 2.30pm matinee on the Saturday. Tickets: £12 / £6 con (Sat matinee £10 / £5 con). Phone (01223) 511 511 or go to *www.junction.co.uk

Dancers step out for show

BALLET Black makes a triumphant return to Cambridge Arts Theatre this weekend

Ballet Black is a neo-classical ballet company with nine critically-acclaimed sell-out seasons to its credit. Inspirational and innovative, it strives to honour the traditions of classical ballet while breaking new ground with cutting edge choreography and is the perfect showcase for dancers of black and Asian descent.

Ballet Black was recently nominated for two Critics' Circle National Dance Awards for Outstanding Company and Best Classical Female for dancer Sarah Kundi. They went on to win the award for Outstanding Company.

Their latest show features new work from choreographers including Robert Hylton, Christopher Hampson and Henri Oguike.

Ballet Black promises to deliver a truly delightful evening of classical ballet mixed with highly inventive sequences from some of the best choreographers around. If you haven't seen this company yet, then you're missing a treat.

Ballet Black takes to the stage tomorrow and Saturday at 7.45pm. Tickets are £10 / £15 / £20 and subject to a £2 booking fee

Phone the box office on (01223) 503333 or go to *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com*

The big film

CLASH OF THE TITANS (12A, 106 mins) Action. Sam Worthington, Gemma Arterton, Mads Mikkelsen, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes, Alexa Davalos, Liam Cunningham, Vincent Regan, Polly Walker, Pete Postlethwaite. Director: Louis Leterrier.

DIRECTOR Louis Leterrier updates the 1981 swords and sandals epic based on Greek mythology, made famous by Ray Harryhausen's stop-motion creatures.

With all of the new-fangled technology at his disposal, Leterrier bombards the screen with computer-generated giant scorpions, flying demons, a slithering Medusa and a gargantuan Kraken.

However, all of that slick digital trickery cannot replace the personality or the wonder of Harryhausen's painstakingly-crafted models.

The title may be the same but this *Clash Of The Titans* lacks excitement and soul, and the climactic battle with the hellish sea monster is a huge anticlimax.

Sam Worthington, last seen as the paraplegic hero in *Avatar*, perfects a macho scowl as mankind's reluctant saviour but there is scant indication of the grief that drives his character.

A romantic subplot with Gemma Arterton's spiritual guide is so slow burning it barely catches fire and the script doesn't generate a sense of dramatic urgency despite the imminent threat to the city of Argos.

As a baby, Perseus (Worthington) is rescued from the sea by fisherman Spyros (Postlethwaite) and his family, unaware that he is actually the demi-god son of Zeus (Neeson).

Hades (Fiennes), the god of the underworld who intends to usurp Zeus on Mount Olympus, causes the death of Perseus's new family and the grief-stricken young man vows revenge.

He gets his chance when Hades curses Argos and its rulers, Kepheus (Regan) and Cassiopeia (Walker), and threatens to unleash the Kraken upon the city unless they sacrifice beautiful daughter Andromeda (Davalos) to the behemoth. If Perseus can slay the Kraken, Hades will be weakened enough for him to strike a fatal blow.

However, to defeat such a powerful foe, Perseus must seek counsel with the Stygian witches, accompanied by Argon warrior Draco (Mikkelsen) and his men.

Clash Of The Titans is a series of mediocre action sequences, glued together by scenes on Olympus between Zeus and a conniving Hades.

Unusually, the 3D adds nothing to the visceral experience.

Considering the premium levied on 3D tickets, you are advised to save the pounds for the concessions stand and watch the 2D version instead. You'll be equally disappointed.

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Lourdes (U): Fri/Sat/Mon: 2.10pm, Sun: 1pm, Tue-Thu: 4.15pm
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (18): Daily: 3.30pm, 8.50pm except Sun 8pm
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG): Daily: 1pm except Wed
KIDS CLUB: Underdog (U): Sat: 11am
La Dante: Giulia Doesn't Date at Night (12A): Sun 11am
Autism Friendly Screenings: Underdog (U): Sun: 11am
Viva le Cinema: No One Knows About Persian Cats (12A): Fri/Sat: 4.15pm, Sun 3.15pm, Tue-Thu 2.10pm
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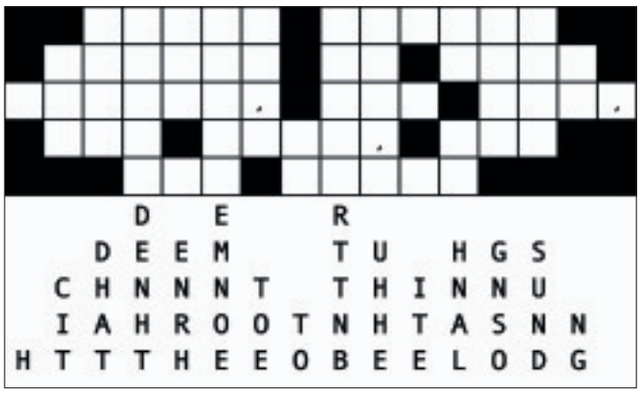

Lost letters 8

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order. Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is by Buddha.

■ Last week's solution: **The music business has let me touch a lot of people with my talent**

Four Ws

1. WHO...directed the film *A Clockwork Orange*?
WHAT...is the nationality of the men's tennis player Michael Llodra?
WHERE...in England are Ipplepen and Marldon?
WHEN...did the painter Pablo Picasso die?
2. WHO...wrote the novels *The First Horseman* and *Trance State*?
WHAT...is the capital of Jamaica?
WHERE...is the Bloc Quebecois a federal political party?
WHEN...was the dictator Benito Mussolini shot and killed?
3. WHO...was the first Hanoverian king of Great Britain?
WHAT...would you do with a bombardon – eat it, play it or travel in it?
WHERE...in Europe would you spend a kuna?
WHEN...was the Battle of the Boyne?

Answers: **1.** Stanley Kubrick; French; Devon; 1973. **2.** John Case; Kingston; Canada; 1945. **3.** George I; Play it – it's a brass instrument; Croatia; 1690.

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Sudoku 95:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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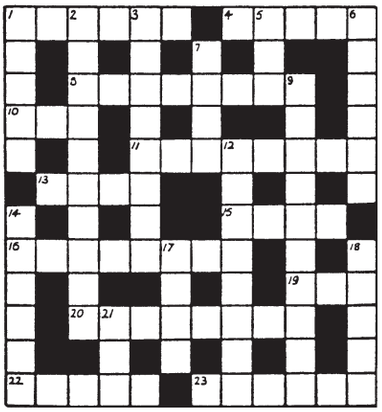
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2160



Across

1. Ready to explode, the priggish newspaperman. (6)
4. See how deep the fruit tree bends at first. (5)
8. Left a section in the act. (8)
10. Some fine muscles the big bird has. (3)
11. Organised, so telephoned during risky dare. (8)
13. Quietly, though leaderless and confused, finds needle-case. (4)
15. Opera heroine needs first-class attorney. (4)
16. Gets help? That's denied. (8)
19. The present has lack of direction. (3)
20. Person following the tracks helps umpire. (8)
22. Festival doesn't start with a flower. (5)
23. Socialist originally was concerned, then frightened. (6)

Down

1. Longs for some trees. (5)
2. Passing Indian river, hearing of manufacture. (10)
3. Gives the reason for the former flat lands. (8)
5. Sheltered side in general. (3)
6. Not always wide waterways to sail on. (6)
7. Brother Rabbit, as called by railway with hesitation. (4)
9. Pet food can turn out a terrible mess. (4,6)
12. A rotter destroyed mice in a scholarly manner. (8)
14. Girl holds information for things to do. (6)
17. Tree needs the best service, right? (4)
18. Doze endlessly on way up for weapon. (5)
21. One found church to decorate. (3)

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Solution to 2159: Across – 1. Trickle; 4. Pill; 6. Appoint;n9. Rifled; 11. Satie; 12. Panama; 15. Oxslip; 18. Mason; 19. Lissom; 21. Patella; 23. Chin; 24. Obscene. **Down** – 1. Toadstool; 2. Impetus; 3. Len; 4. Puffin; 5. Lore; 7. Iceni; 8. Trip; 10. Drawn game; 13. Admit; 14. Absolve; 16. Listen; 17. Pump; 20. Inch; 22. Alb.

Forget deterrents – get a fence up to keep out deer

The deer cost of damage: a muntjac deer. CP

by Hannah Stephenson

They may look cute and cuddly, but muntjac deer are the bane of many gardeners' lives, mine included.

Over the years in my garden the natives of southeast Asia have stripped rose bushes of buds, chewed their way through shrubs and perennials and made divots in my lawn with their hooves.

A new Government survey asking people to record sightings of foreign invaders, including the muntjac, in a bid to control their population may have come too late for many gardeners with already-ruined plots.

The Royal Horticultural Society now receives almost as many inquiries about deer as it does about rabbits, another prime garden pest, and while there are a number of deterrents on the market, the only one guaranteed to work long term is a 6ft fence around your garden.

Only red and roe deer are native – there are also fallow, sika, muntjac and Chinese water deer. However, fallow, roe and muntjac deer are the species most likely to be encountered across the UK.

Both muntjac and roe are territorial and their numbers have spread in urban gardens due to a reduction in their own natural habitat and the steady rise in their population.

David Kenyon, of the British Deer Society, says: "The problem with muntjac is that they are fairly indiscriminate as to what they will eat in your garden.

"They will go for anything, while roe deer are browsers who will eat your roses first and then work down the chain. They are more selective."

Muntjac may be the smallest deer in the UK, but they can do a lot of damage.

"If you see one-inch slots (hoof marks) in the lawn, a deer may have been there digging up the lawn to get to the more nutritious roots underneath," Kenyon adds.

No-one knows exactly how many deer there are in the UK but the Deer Society estimates it could be around 1.5 million.

They will gobble up rare orchids and do untold damage to new shoots in woodland, destroying both young trees and beautiful forest flowers such as bluebells.

Males (bucks) will rub the bark from the main stem and leave it hanging in tatters.

If shoots and stems are bitten through, leaving a clean mark on one side and a ragged edge on the other – a result of their lack of incisors on the upper jaw – it's likely to be deer.

There are no plants that muntjac won't touch, although there are some they like least, says Kenyon.

They're not so keen on camellia, cistus, hellebore, hosta, hydrangea, lavender, poppies and sedum, while they do like geraniums, sweet Williams, clematis and, of course, roses. But if they're starving they'll eat anything.

If you want to preserve the balance of nature, you could grow alternative food for the deer, allowing an area at the end of your garden to be devoted to brambles, rowan, dandelion, campion and yarrow. Hopefully the deer will prefer these to your favourite roses.

Damage is most common on new, succulent spring growth or in winter when other food sources are scarce.

There are a number of deterrents on the market. You could try scare tactics by having a motion detector attached to a sprinkler or by planting strong-smelling plants. But these options have only limited success rates.

"There are lots of so-called deterrents such as human hair, lion dung and gentlemen's urine, which may work for a day but not for much longer. Scarecrows only work short-term because the deer become used to them," says Kenyon.

People are also advised to not set their dogs on the muntjacs in a bid to frighten them away as the family pet could come off worse if it corners a buck with five-inch antlers.

Kenyon adds: "It is difficult for the domestic gardener to live alongside wild deer. If you live in the countryside it might be possible but if you have a small garden and they get used to you, they will become brave enough to nip off your pot roses outside your back door."

The sooner you get that fence up, the better.

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.55 **Saturday Kitchen.**
11.30 **Great British Menu.** The successful chefs who qualified from the Scottish heats cook their entire menus for judges Prue Leith, Matthew Fort and Oliver Peyton.
12.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
12.15 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and Mark Lawrenson review the week's action.
1.00 **The Grand National.** Clare Balding is at Aintree to introduce live coverage of the 163rd staging of the world's most famous steeplechase.
5.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.15 **All New Total Wipeout.**
6.15 **Doctor Who.** After tackling aliens on Earth last week, the Doctor decides it's high time Amy saw something of the universe – even though she's still wearing her nightie. So he takes her to Starship UK, where the inhabitants of what used to be Britain now live. Matt Smith stars.
7.00 **Over the Rainbow.**
8.10 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.**
9.00 **Casualty.** Guest starring Liz May Brice (Torchwood – Children of Earth).
9.50 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.15 **Match of the Day.**
11.15 **The Football League Show.**
12.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Fimbles.**
6.20 **Me Too!**
6.40 **Clifford's Puppy Days.**
7.00 **CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.15 **Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.25 **Sportsround.**
7.40 **Wolverine and the X-Men.**
8.00 **Deadly 60.**
8.30 **MI High.**
9.00 **Basil and Barney's Swap Shop.**
9.55 **Street Monsters.**
10.00 **Horrible Histories.**
10.30 **The Sarah Jane Adventures.**
11.00 **Bamzooki.**
11.30 **Hai! Karate: Journey to Japan.**
12.00 **BBC Switch: Degrassi: The Next Generation.**
12.25 **BBC Switch: Single, Together, Whatever.** Last in the series.
12.55 **BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.**
1.10 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
1.35 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
2.05 **The Sky at Night.**
2.25 **FILM: Bicentennial Man (1999).** Sci-fi drama,
4.30 **Final Score.**
5.20 **FILM: The Aviator (2004).** Oscar-winning biopic.
8.00 **Dad's Army.**
8.30 **Live Golf: The Masters.**
12.00 **Grand National Re-Run.**
12.30 **FILM: Glory Road (2006).**
2.20 **FILM: Aguirre, the Wrath of God (1972).** German drama

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **The Planet's Funniest Animals.**
9.55 **The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.** An emu runs wild on the highway.
10.25 **The Lakes.** Thomas Noblett tries to swim across Windermere.
10.55 **Dickinson's Real Deal.** From Stockport, Greater Manchester.
11.55 **News and Weather.**
12.09 **Anglia Weather.**
12.10 **This Morning: Saturday.**
1.10 **Midsomer Murders.**
3.15 **Rosemary & Thyme.**
4.15 **Anglia News and Weather.**
4.25 **ITV News and Weather.**
4.35 **Live FA Cup Football.** Aston Villa v Chelsea (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.00 **FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007).** Premiere. The young wizard struggles to convince his fellow sorcerers that the dark Lord Voldemort has returned.
9.30 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Michael Winner.**
10.30 **FILM: X2 (2003).**
11.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.45 **FILM: X2 (2003).** Concluded.
1.10 **FILM: The Howling (1981)** Horror, starring Dee Wallace Stone.
2.45 **FILM: Fahrenheit 451 (1966).** In a future where books are banned to control individual thought, a man employed to burn them begins to question the practice. Sci-fi drama, with Oskar Werner.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.**
7.00 **World Sport.**
7.30 **Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Friends.**
9.30 **T4: Friends.**
10.00 **T4: 90210.**
11.00 **T4: Glee.**
12.00 **T4: Cemetery Junction: T4 Movie Special.**
12.30 **T4: Koko Pop.**
1.00 **T4: Smallville.**
2.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Lingfield Park and Newcastle.**
3.30 **Jamie at Home.**
4.00 **Come Dine with Me.**
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6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **The Welsh Great Escape.** Account of an incident in March 1945 when 70 German PoWs tunnelled out of an internment camp in Bridgend.
8.00 **Pearl Harbour: Mystery of the Killer Subs.** Exploring the role of recently discovered wrecks of Japanese submarines in and around Pearl Harbour.
9.00 **The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010.** The show features clips of the greatest stand-up routines as well as interviews, and fresh nominees.
1.05 **FILM: Solaris (2002).**
2.40 **The Sopranos.**

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Milkshake!: Elmo's World.**
7.15 **The WotWots.**
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9.15 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **UEFA Europa League Highlights.**
11.05 **The Gadget Show.**
12.05 **Chinese Food in Minutes.**
12.35 **The Business Inspector.**
1.35 **FILM: The Hallelujah Trail (1965).** Comedy Western, starring Burt Lancaster.
4.25 **FILM: I Love Trouble (1994).** Romantic comedy thriller,
6.45 **Five News.**
6.50 **NCIS.**
7.40 **NCIS.**
8.35 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.**
9.30 **CSI: NY.**
10.30 **Law & Order.**
11.30 **Crime Scene Academy.**
12.00 **SuperCasino.**

A Passionate Woman
BBC1, Sunday, 9pm

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Michael Winner
ITV, Saturday, 9.30pm

William Shatner Comedy Roast
Channel Four, Sunday, 10.50pm

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider
five, Sunday, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
8.00 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Hull City v Burnley.
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.**
11.00 **Country Tracks.**
12.00 **The Politics Show.** With Jon Sopel.
1.00 **Cash in the Attic.**
1.45 **Bargain Hunt.**
2.15 **Murder, She Wrote.**
3.00 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
4.50 **Points of View.**
5.05 **Songs of Praise.** The final of the Junior School Choir competition.
5.45 **BBC News.**
6.15 **Countryfile.** Reporting from Essex.
7.15 **Antiques Roadshow.**
8.15 **Over the Rainbow.** The results of the live show are announced.
9.00 **A Passionate Woman.** Based on Kay Mellor's hugely successful play it's set in 1950s Leeds, and follows Betty, a young wife and mother who falls hopelessly in love with her Polish neighbour.
10.30 **BBC News.**
10.55 **Match of the Day 2.** Adrian Chiles reviews the day's Premier League action, including Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United and Liverpool v Fulham.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Fimbles.** Fimbo finds a hoop.
6.20 **Me Too!** The kids have fun with paper.
6.40 **Clifford's Puppy Days.**
7.00 **CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.25 **Street Monsters.** The Vain Monster attends a celebrity event.
7.30 **Jinx.** Lulu has to give a presentation on a novel.
7.50 **Sam & Mark's Guide to Dodging Disaster.**
8.00 **The Legend of Dick & Dom.**
8.30 **Dani's House.**
9.00 **Big Babies.** Children's comedy in which two babies get up to mischief.
9.15 **OOglies.** Lonely Sprout looks for a vegetable friend.
9.30 **Sorry, I've Got No Head.**
10.00 **Something for the Weekend.**
11.30 **On Thin Ice.**
12.15 **Rachel Allen: Home Cooking.** Last in the series.
12.40 **Monk.**
1.20 **FILM: Fort Apache (1948).**
3.25 **Escape to the Country.**
4.25 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.**
5.25 **FILM: Carry On Again, Doctor (1969).**
6.55 **Live Golf: The Masters.** Subsequent programmes subject to change.
12.00 **MotoGP.**
1.15 **FILM: Critical Assignment (2004).**

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **Coronation Street.** Omnibus.
11.45 **News and Weather.**
11.59 **Anglia Weather.**
12.00 **This Morning: Sunday.** Highlights from the week's programmes.
1.00 **FILM: Columbo: Lady in Waiting (1971).** Crime drama, guest starring Leslie Nielsen, with Peter Falk.
2.30 **Agatha Christie's Poirot.** The sleuth accompanies a precious cargo to New York.
3.30 **Live FA Cup Football.** Tottenham Hotspur v Portsmouth (Kick-off 4.00pm).
6.00 **Anglia News and Weather.**
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Totally You've Been Framed!** The funniest home videos and wittiest one-liners from narrator Harry Hill, including the granny who gets thrown from a donkey.
7.30 **Coronation Street.**
8.00 **Foyle's War.**
10.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.15 **The South Bank Show Revisited.** Author Ian McEwan talks to Melvyn Bragg.
11.15 **FILM: A Mighty Wind (2003).** The death of a Sixties folk music producer is marked by a tribute concert featuring three of his old acts.
12.55 **Champions League Weekly.**
1.25 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.**
2.15 **Nightwatch with Steve Scott.**
3.05 **Coastal Kitchen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 **Sali Mali.**
6.10 **The Hoobs.**
7.00 **The Track and Field Show.**
7.30 **British Formula 3 International Series.**
8.00 **The Grid.**
8.30 **GT Academy.**
9.00 **T4: The Hills.**
9.25 **T4: Friends.**
10.00 **T4: Hollyoaks.**
12.30 **T4: Running in Heels.**
1.00 **T4: Friends.**
1.30 **T4: 4Music Meets Rihanna.**
2.35 **T4: Friends.**
3.15 **T4: The Simpsons.**
3.45 **T4: The Simpsons.** r.
4.20 **Deal or No Deal.**
5.10 **FILM: Valiant (2005).** Computer-animated adventure.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Embarrassing Bodies: Charlotte's Story.** The story of a girl who visited the clinic with an apparent viral infection, but was later discovered to suffer from a serious immune deficiency.
8.00 **Come Dine with Me.**
9.00 **The Restoration Man.**
10.00 **Chris Moyles' Quiz Night: The Final.**
10.50 **William Shatner Comedy Roast.**
12.25 **Ricky Gervais Meets Garry Shandling.**
1.30 **FILM: Ju-on: The Grudge (2003).** Japanese horror.

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7.15 **The WotWots.**
7.30 **Little Lodgers.**
7.35 **Chiro.**
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9.00 **Olivia.**
9.15 **The Mr Men Show.**
9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **Shake!: Hannah Montana.**
10.35 **Wizards of Waverly Place.**
11.10 **Build a New Life in the Country.**
12.10 **Megastructures: Sellafield Demolition.**
1.10 **Ice Patrol.**
2.10 **Zoo Days.**
2.20 **FILM: A Guy Thing (2002).** Romantic comedy, starring Jason Lee and Julia Stiles.
4.15 **FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003).** Comedy remake, starring Amanda Bynes.
6.15 **Five News.**
6.20 **FILM: The Mask of Zorro (1998).** Swashbuckling adventure
9.00 **FILM: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001).**
10.55 **Justin Lee Collins: Good Times.** with Sharleen Spiteri.
11.55 **UFC 111: Main Event.**
12.55 **SuperCasino.**

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ELY...An older style three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a prime sought after location in Central Ely. The property offers traditional and well proportioned accommodation.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6270

Go For It £127,500

LITTLEPORT...A modern two bedroom semi detached home, situated within a quiet cul-de-sac, close to the centre of Littleport with all its amenities. The property has the benefit of a conservatory.

CALL US!! Ref: 5556

Semi Rural £165,000

SOHAM...A delightful detached property situated in a sought after semi rural location within Soham. Already refurbished throughout the property is in good condition.

Ref: 6388

Country Views £174,950

SOHAM...A very well proportioned three bedroom three storey modern home, situated on the south side of Soham, overlooking open fields to the front. The property offers excellent family accommodation.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6365

Family O.I.E.O £146,000

SOHAM...A four bedroom modern semi detached home, having been recently refurbished, and with the benefit of being chain free. The property is ready to move in to.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5859

Charming Home O.I.E.O £134,950

LITTLEPORT...A rarely available two bedroom bungalow style property, being part of a old school house conversion. situated close to the centre of Littleport with all its amenities.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6232

Impressive OIRO £188,000

SOHAM...An opportunity to aquire this unique property, forming part of an attractive school conversion. close to the heart of Soham. The property offers deceptively spacious accommodation.

CALL US! Ref: 6020

LITTLEPORT

Room for the family - a three bedroom detached home- scope for further improvement. semi rural location- call haart for further information

LITTLEPORT

Project?? - ideal property for renovation this 3 bedroom detached home is in need of some TLC - Call us now to view!!

Welcome home £129,950

LITTLEPORT...A mature three bedroom semi detached home, offering good sized family accommodation. The property also benefits from a conservatory.

LITTLEPORT...A mature three bedroom semi detached home, offering good sized family accommodation. The property also benefits from a conservatory to the rear and a large garden and garage. VIEWING RECOMMENDED! Comprises; Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Gas Radiator Heating, Double Glazing, Large Gardens.

- Semi Detached Home
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms

GET DIALLING Ref: 6374

Opportunity £350,000

SOHAM..Fantastic opportunity for a developer/investor to complete this block of apartments.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6357

Gardens £299,500

SUTTON....A superb example of a traditional detached home, offering extensive family accommodation.

CALL NOW TO VIEW Ref: 6145

O.I.E.O £125,000

LITTLEPORT...A mature three bedroom semi detached property.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 5735

Family Home £145,000

LITTLEPORT...A three bedroom semi detached home, situated close to the centre of Littleport.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5969

Rural Location£145,000

LITTLEPORT...A detached three bedroom property, situated in this semi rural location.

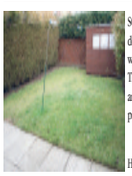
BOOK A VIEWING Ref: 6315

Go For It £129,995

SOHAM...A very well maintained two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5590

Growing Family £199,000



SOHAM...A modern four bedroom detached family home, situated within a quiet cul-de-sac location. The house has been well maintained and benefits from an attractive private garden.

HAVE A LOOK! Ref: 6351

Potential £250,000

ELY..This detached four bedroom house is situated in Ely on the ever popular Barton Road, ideal for walking to the station and shops. In need of modernisation throughout.

View Today Ref: 6103

Be Impressed O.I.E.O £335,000

BARWAY...Situated within a 5-10 minute drive of Ely station, this is a stunning individual four bedroom home, finished to a high specification Superbly Appointed Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, 2 En-Suites, Double Garage.

VIEWING TODAY Ref: 6173

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Semi detached property offering kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, two double bedrooms, and enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

£110,000

Haddenham

Central village location. Terrace property offering sitting/ dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, private garden, allocated parking.

£115,000

Prickwillow

Semi rural property offering sitting room, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms. OPEN HOUSE 17 APRIL CALL FOR DETAILS

£135,000

Sutton

NEW Thee bedroom semi detached property in need of some modernisation, comprising sitting room, kitchen/diner, shower room, garage, gardens.

£139,995

Ely

Spacious three bedroom semi detached home offering sitting room, refitted kitchen breakfast room, refitted bathroom and enclosed garden.

£140,000

Mepal

Detached home offering three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, garage. No upward chain.

£149,500

Littleport

Modern family home offering sitting room, seperate dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, ensuite, bathroom, gardens, garage.

£150,000

Ely

Ideal first time buy/ investement, modern terrace offering sitting/dining room, two bedrooms. OPEN HOUSE 17 APRIL CALL FOR DETAILS

OIRO £155,000

March

Riverside property with river moorings and riverside garden. Quaint two bedroom cottage style.OPEN HOUSE 17 APRIL CALL FOR DETAILS

Offers Over £160,000

Soham

Spacious semi detached property within a cul-de-sac,comprising sitting room, kitchen/diner, four bedrooms, garden, garage, allocated parking.

£160,000

Littleport

NEW PRICE, Semi rural detached bungalow, comprising sitting room, kitchen breakfast room, dining room, three/ four bedrooms.

£173,500

Ely

Family home in St Johns school catchment, offering sitting room, dining room, refitted kitchen & bathroom, three bedrooms, outbuilding & garden.

£175,000

Ely

Period terrace with access to city centre, railway station & Ely riverside. Offering sitting/ dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and garden.

£185,000

Sutton

NEW Modern semi detached family home comprising sitting/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, five bedrooms, ensuite, garden, carport.

£220,000

Ely

Period property situated in desirable city location, offering two double bedrooms, sitting/ dining room, kitchen, off road parking and garage.

£225,000

March

Edwardian period property offering three reception rooms, kitchen breakfast room, four bedrom, en-suite, two garages

£235,000

Ely

Period property with cathedral views, comprising sitting/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, ensuite, enclosed rear garden, garage.

Offers Over £245,000

Haddenham

Detached bungalow offering refitted kitchen/diner, sitting room, four double bedrooms, ensuite, garden and garage.

Offers over £300,000

Welney

Secluded equestrian property, approx 3.5 acres, paddocks, sand school, stable yard, outbuilings, detached three bedroom house.

£375,000

Ely

Executive family home in St Johns school catchment, kitchen/ family room, two further receptions, four bedrooms, ensuite, dressing room, double garage.

£375,000

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NEW

Merivale Way Ely **£184,950**

Modern 3 bedroom semi on large plot
3 bedroom semi detached family home is situated on a very generous plot and is extremely well presented throughout. Comprising; Ent hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, large enc rear garden, single garage & driveway to the rear.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Guernsey Way Littleport **£249,995**

Substantial 5 bedroom detached family home
Spacious accommodation includes; Ent hall, cloakroom, living room, family room, dining room, kitchen, utility, 5 bedrooms with ensuites to bedroom 1 and 2, family bathroom, detached double garage with living space above, driveway & good size rear garden. Sold with the benefit of no upper chain. Must be viewed

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Berry Close Stretham **£249,950**

A well presented 4 bedroom detached family home
Situated in this sought after village this family home comprises: Entrance Hall, lounge, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and drive and benefits from views across open fields. Must be seen.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Elmside Littleport **£117,500**

2 bedroom mid terraced home
Presented to the market in good order throughout, offering the following accommodation; Ent hall, recently re-fitted kitchen including appliances, utility room, living room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom & rear garden. Sold with the benefit of no upper chain & would make an ideal first time buy.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Wisbech Road Littleport **£234,995**

substantial detached 4 bedroom family home
Offering spacious and well presented accommodation throughout that comprises; Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, living room, dining room, four bedrooms with potential for an ensuite to master, family bathroom with separate shower cubicle, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Millpit Furlong Littleport **£209,950**

Extended & refurbished 3 bedroom detached bungalow
Comprising; Ent hall, kitchen/breakfast room, living room, conservatory, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, rear garden, garage with power & light & driveway providing ample off road parking. The property also offers the potential to extend into the loft space subject to building regs. Viewing essential

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

The Furrow Littleport **£195,995**

4 bedroom end of terraced ex show home
Ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen, living/dining room, bathroom & 3 bedrooms with ensuite to bedroom 2 on the 1st floor, master bedroom with ensuite to the 2nd floor, landscaped rear garden & double garage. Includes Carpets, curtains/blinds, light fittings, dishwasher, fridge freezer & washer/dryer. Must be viewed

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Tilling Way Littleport **£189,995**

4 bedroom semi detached town house
This 3 storey semi detached home is situated on the popular Cannon Kirk Development & boasts a fully fitted kitchen with utility room, living room, cloakroom, bathroom & 4 bedrooms, master with en-suite & wash room to bedroom 2. The property also benefits from an enclosed rear garden & off road parking.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

City Road Littleport **£199,950**

Detached 3 bedroom family home in non estate position
Within walking distance of railway station & village. Comprising; Ent hall, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 3 dble bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower, rear garden, single garage & driveway. The property is in need of some modernisation & viewing is strongly advised.

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NEW PRICE

Black Horse Drove Littleport **£173,500**

Detached bungalow set on a generous plot in rural location
Situated in a rural location with far reaching views this detached bungalow sits on a generous plot & comprises; Large ent hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 4, kitchen, utility room, 3 further bedrooms, fam bathroom, driveway & large rear garden. Requiring some modernisation this must be viewed to appreciate.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

High Street Littleport **£169,950**

A well presented 3 bedroom family in non estate location
A well presented semi detached home just a short walk from the Town centre. Accommodation comprises: 3 bedrooms, 1st floor bathroom, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, ground floor shower room, gardens & parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Guntons Close Soham **£149,950**

Three bedroom semi in popular village
Located close to the village centre this three bedroom terraced family home offers generous accommodation that comprises; Entrance hall, large living room, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden and garage en bloc with additional parking. Must be viewed to appreciate.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Rye Close Littleport **£145,000**

Modern 3 bedroom mid terraced on popular development
Comprising, Entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Sold with the benefit of no upper chain, viewing is a must.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Sandys Crescent Littleport **£139,950**

Modern 3 bedroom semi on popular development
Accommodation is well presented and comprises; Entrance hall, L-shaped lounge/dining room, re-fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gas radiator heating, double glazing, garage, front and rear gardens. Sold with the benefit of no upper chain and internal viewing is strongly recommended.

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

NEW

Ponts Hill Littleport **£129,995**

Beautifully presented 3 bedroom semi detached family home
Offering spacious accommodation; Ent hall, kitchen/breakfast room, living/dining room, 3 bedrooms, recently re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, driveway & additional allocated parking. Simply must be viewed to appreciate. No Upper Chain

LITTLEPORT **01353 865910**

Camel Road Littleport **£129,950**

3 bedroom semi in central location
Comprising; Kitchen, living/dining room, ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms to the first floor and master bedroom with ensuite to the second floor accessed via bedroom 2, enclosed rear garden & driveway. No upper chain and internal viewing is highly recommended.

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Mid terrace two bedroom modern home located in the sought after village of Soham offering excellent schooling and day to day amenities with easy access to Ely, Cambridge and Newmarket.
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Ground floor two bedroom apartment with neutral décor located in the well served village of Soham, well presented throughout.
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Stretham **£575**

Superb two bedroom home located in the popular village of Stretham offering excellent access to Ely,
Professional single/couple
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Ely **£595**

A superb modern two bedroom semi detached house on a well regarded development just off Prickwillow Road and convenient for the excellent facilities of Ely.
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Ely **£675**

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Ely **£725**

A superbly presented modern three bedroom home located to the North side of Ely offering excellent access to Cambridge/Newmarket/Downham Market
Professional single/couple/family
Available 03/05/2010 - Unfurnished

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Ely **£735**

Detached three bedroom family home located in a popular area of Ely
Professional couple/family
Available 29/04/2010 - Unfurnished

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Stretham **£775**

Renovated four bedroom detached period home presented to the highest of standards offering comfortable family living.
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LT DOWNHAM £399,950

- Semi rural location
- Improved and extended
- Detached bungalow
- 5 acres s.t.s.
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge with wood burning stove and vaulted ceiling
- En-suite to bed 1
- Study

ELY £379,950

- Spacious detached home
- Extended and improved
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites
- Stylish kitchen dining area and sun room
- Landscaped rear garden
- Well presented
- Viewing essential

LITTLEPORT £249,950

- Improved detached home
- Non estate location
- 3 bedrooms
- 4th bedroom/study
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Well fitted kitchen
- Viewing essential

HADDENHAM £275,000

- Detached family home
- Non estate location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge with open fireplace
- Dining room & study
- Garage and enclosed garden

STRETHAM £224,950

- Link detached house
- Popular village location
- 4 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- Conservatory
- Enclosed rear garden
- Short onward chain

STRETHAM £249,950

- Detached house
- Popular village
- Views over farmland
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Study and conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- Garage and garden

PYMOOR £245,000

- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Ample parking to front
- Open fields to rear

ELY £209,950

- Mid terrace townhouse
- Well presented
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- First floor lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1 and 2
- 4th bed/study
- Garage en bloc

ELY £182,500

- Older style semi
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Gas heating
- Courtyard garden
- Some character features
- Viewing recommended

LT DOWNHAM £234,950

- Extended and improved semi
- Farmland to rear
- 5 bedrooms
- Wetroom shower
- Kitchen conservatory
- Lounge
- 6th bedroom/ family room
- Enclosed rear garden

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O/A £450,000

LITTLE DOWNHAM

An exceptionally spacious individual detached bungalow well situated in this popular village. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Area, Kitchen/Breakfast Room with Walk-In Pantry, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Inner Hall, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Partial Electric and Gas Heating, Garden Areas, Driveway Parking and Single Garage.

O/A £249,950

ELY
O/A £135,000

A considerably improved extended terraced house with a long rear garden.

Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Area, Ground Floor Shower Room, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms. Modern Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Front Parking Area, 80' Long Rear Garden With Store Sheds.

WITCHAM

A substantial individual four bedroom detached residence standing on a delightful large plot approaching a fifth of an acre (subject to survey), in the centre of this popular village. Hall, Study, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Cloakroom, Utility Room, En-Suite, Bathroom, Shower Room, Study/Bed 5, Oil Central Heating, Gardens, Parking.

O/A £360,000

ELY
O/A £180,000

A considerably improved spacious semi detached house with a 105' rear garden situated in a cul de sac location. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, GF Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, W.C., Gas Fired Central Heating, Gardens, Garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

LITTLEPORT — O/A £174,995

A deceptively spacious extended detached house situated in a conveniently located cul de sac. Recessed Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Living/Family Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Area, Cloakroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens.

LITTLE DOWNHAM — O/A £269,950

A three bedroom detached house offering spacious accommodation and panoramic views of Ely Cathedral. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Utility Area, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and En-Suite, Bathroom, Front Parking Area, Rear Garden. Remaining NHBC. NO UPWARD

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LITTLEPORT

TWO exceptionally spacious four bedroom semi detached houses, being built in a cul de sac location by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW Ltd., Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Garage, NHBC.

£220,000

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A rare opportunity to purchase an interesting Grade II listed late 17th Century house in need of renovation which lies on a good size plot within the heart of this sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Two 18' plus Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, Four First Floor Bedrooms, Attached Single Storey Outbuilding.

NO UPWARD CHAIN.

O/A £150,000

MEPAL

A spacious modern detached bungalow of good proportions overlooking a large open green in this sought after cul de sac development. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Solar Panel Hot Water Heating, Garage and Driveway Parking, Gardens.

O/A £210,000

LITTLEPORT

One of a pair of tastefully converted exceptionally spacious village centre cottages. Long Open Plan Living Area with Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, GFCH., UPVC Sealed Unit Double Glazed Windows, Rear Garden Area, Parking Space.

O/A £129,950

LITTLEPORT O/A £150,000

A well proportioned, detached two double bedroom bungalow in need of some updating situated close to the railway station and well served village centre, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Gardens, Parking Area.

WITCHFORD O/A £199,950

A spacious, attractive, modern European style house, well situated on this development. Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, GFCH., Garage and Driveway Parking, Rear Garden.

ELY O/A £385,000

A substantial double fronted five bedroom, three storey detached house in excellent decorative order with superb far reaching views to the rear in this sought after location. Cloakroom, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Lounge, Conservatory, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Four further Bedrooms one with En-Suite, GFCH., DG., Driveway Parking, Garage, Rear Garden.

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MEPAL O/A £229,950

An attractive modern spacious three bedroom detached bungalow with a south facing rear garden situated on this popular cul de sac development of bungalows. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Garage And Gardens.

LITTLEPORT O/A £250,000

A 4 bedroom detached chalet style house being built by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW LIMITED. Entrance Porch & Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Study, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage, NHBC.

ELY O/A £299,950

An attractive four bedroom double fronted modern detached residence with exceptionally well presented spacious accommodation and a double garage situated in a popular residential location.

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £340,000

An attractive, four bedroom, spacious detached house being built in a small cul de sac in this popular village by Norman & Nicholas Limited (Construction).

HADDENHAM

An attractive deceptively spacious modern detached bungalow situated at the entrance to a small cul de sac off Station Road. Entrance and Inner Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast/Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazed Windows, Garden Areas, Driveway Parking and Single Garage.

O/A £229,950

LITTLEPORT

An impressive quality built exceptionally spacious individual four/five bedroom detached residence with attached double garage standing on a delightful plot of about 1/4 of an acre and is situated in a highly regarded location. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, 3 Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Master Bedroom with extensive fitted cupboards and En-Suite Bathroom.

O/A £395,000

WICKEN O/A £287,500

A charming three bedroom, (two interconnecting) Grade II Listed detached thatched cottage dating back originally to around 1650, together with the 'Old Forge' which has planning consent to be converted to a two bedroom annex.

MEPAL

An imposing individual detached residence with large gardens and extensive parking situated in a prominent corner location in the village centre. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Utility Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Landing, Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Double Garage with Workshop, Delightful Large Gardens.

O/A £360,000

SOUTHERY O/A £240,000

An appealing double fronted three bedroom period farmhouse set on a large plot with beautifully landscaped gardens backing onto the river Great Ouse.

HADDENHAM O/A £154,950

An extended semi detached cottage with deceptively spacious versatile accommodation and 108' rear garden situated. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Rear Reception/Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two FF Bedrooms, C.H., D.G., Garage & Parking.

LITTLEPORT O/A £174,950

A delightful older style three bedroom detached cottage with many charming features situated on the edge of the village close to the river and main line railway station.

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £189,950

An improved well presented detached house with spacious accommodation well situated in a corner of a small cul de sac. Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Area, Utility Area, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Single Garage, Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

ELY O/A £172,500

A modern mid terraced house well situated on this popular development about one mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas C.H., Shallow Front Garden Area, Rear Garden, Garage.

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A well appointed, modern three bedroom detached property towards the end of an appealing cul de sac situation approximately half a mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Parking. NO PETS, NO CHILDREN.

£825 pcm

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An impressive well appointed three storey, four bedroom townhouse, which lies within an exclusive cul de sac development literally a few minutes walk from the centre of Ely and the Kings School. Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage & Driveway Parking.

£1,150 pcm

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MEPAL

A semi detached bungalow which is offered in good decorative order throughout with the benefit of double glazing. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Lobby, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden.

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2266

Soham **£130,000**

An internal viewing is advised for this two bedroom terraced house, offering lounge, first floor bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking. An ideal first time or investment buy. £1000 Cashback available.

2284

Soham **£64,950**

This one bedroom ground floor apartment is offered for sale chain free. The property offers accommodation including, lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. call today for your viewing.

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We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £63,000 on the above property.

Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place

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2271

sale £389,995

Mepal

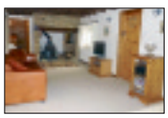
A five bedroom detached house offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, study, cloakroom, en suite, family bathroom, parking, garage and garden.

2283

NEW! £299,995

Isleham

Internal viewing is essential for this extended detached period home. Situated within the ever requested village of Isleham, this four bedroom home benefits from lounge with Inglenook fireplace, conservatory, family bathroom with slipper style, claw feet bath and off road parking.



NO UPWARD CHAIN

2289

NEW! £310,000

Ely

This five bedroom house is offered for sale chain free. The property offers accommodation including 3 en-suites, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge and tandem garage. Internal and early viewing is strongly advised.

2273

Soham **£124,995**

A fabulous first time buy, two bedroom mid terrace house, lounge/dining room, modern throughout, enclosed rear garden, upvc double glazing, allocated parking space.

NO UPWARD CHAIN

2259

sale £159,950

Sutton

An extended three bedroom property offering lounge, conservatory, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. No Upward Chain.

2279

Littleport **£195,995**

EX SHOW HOME!! This four bedroom end of terrace home offers accommodation on three floors including two en-suite, lounge, kitchen, cloakroom and double garage. Call for your viewing today

2287

NEW! £41,000

Soham

This modern apartment is offered on both 50% shared ownership and as a 100% purchase, offering parking, enclosed rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing and £1000 cashback available (see terms and conditions with the agent).

2269

sale £319,999

Ely

A 5 bedroom detached house offering two en suites, dining room, lounge, kitchen, cloak room, bathroom, tandem length garage, driveway and gardens. £1000 Cashback Available.

2261

sale £149,950

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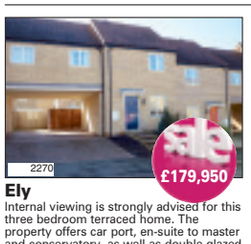
A three bedroom modern property offering enclosed rear garden, lounge/dining room, cloakroom, double glazing and gas heating. No Upward Chain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sale £179,950

Ely

Internal viewing is strongly advised for this three bedroom terraced home. The property offers car port, en-suite to master and conservatory, as well as double glazed windows and gas radiator heating.

2260

sale £150,000

Littleport

A four bedroom end terrace house with en suite, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, first floor bathroom, garage and rear garden. No Upward Chain

Coming Soon

This well maintained and newly refurbished four double bedroom house is a must view! The property benefits from contemporary kitchen, study/playroom, en-suite to master bedroom, garage and gardens. This home has been extended to provide a separate dining room and additional sitting area.

2291

2241

sale £152,500

Wicken

A semi detached period cottage within a popular village location, offering two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, first floor bathroom and enclosed rear garden. No Upward Chain.

2224

sale £179,995

Ely

A three bedroom semi detached house with unexpected sized plot and offering separate dining area, brick built out building, double glazing and gas heating.

Coming Soon

A well presented family home, offering separate study and dining room, en-suite to master bedroom and double garage.

2295

Coming Soon

Can you see the potential? This three bedroom semi detached property requires updating offering a substantial plot, parking for several cars, single garage, two reception rooms and utility. Call now to avoid disappointments.

2296

Coming Soon

A well presented family home, extended to give versatile living accommodation, offering study area, family room and kitchen/breakfast room .£1000 Cashback available.

2294

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NEW

Ely **£349,950**

An imposing detached home situated in a cul de sac location and offering substantial accommodation. Includes spacious hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, superb kitchen opening into breakfast/family room, utility, study, 4 d bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, driveway and attractive gardens.

NEW

Aldreth **£350,000**

A detached period farmhous offering spacious accommodation including entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, conservatory, g.f. shower room/cloakroom, 4 double bedrooms, family bathroom, rear store, barn, mature gardens and off road parking. No upward chain

NEW

Ely **£217,750**

Modern end terrace property situated opposite a large open green area with entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and bathroom, together with front, side and rear garden, parking and garage.

NEW

Haddenham **£265,000**

A highly individual family home situated in the centre of this popular village with hall, study, cloakroom, dining room/bedroom 4, lounge, superb kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), off street parking, garage and garden.

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NEW PRICE

Littleport **£399,995**

A substantial detached home on a plot of almost 1/4 of an acre (sts). Includes hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, family room, utility, study, 5 dble bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, gardens, parking, double garage & office.

NEW

Wardy Hill **£299,950**

Deceptively spacious detached cottage adjacent to the green on the edge of the village with hall, cloakroom, kitchen opening to b. room, lounge, conservatory, sitting room, g.f. shower room and double bedroom, 4 f.f. bedrooms, bathroom, attractive gardens, driveway and double garage.

NEW SALE AGREED

Ely

A modern terraced home with the benefit of a short upward chain situated in the city centre. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite) & bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing.

NEW

Ely **£219,950**

A spacious 3 storey end terraced property situated in a cul-de-sac location close to St. Johns Primary School. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, w.c., gardens, driveway and garage.

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NEW

Sutton **£124,000**
A brand new first floor apartment in a small complex of just 5 new apartments with entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking

Little Downham **£179,950**
A spacious semi-detached cottage dating back to the early 1900's giving superb views across adjoining countryside. Includes kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and gardens.

NEW

Sutton **£126,000**
A brand new ground floor apartment in a small complex of just 5 apartments with entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking

NEW

Sutton **£124,000**
A brand new first floor apartment situated in a small complex of just 5 new apartments with entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking.

Soham **£83,500**
A well presented first floor apartment in a central village location with hallway, lounge, newly fitted kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and parking. No upward chain. Viewing recommended

Ely **£495,000**
Individual detached home in a non estate location with extensive accommodation. Hall, 2 receptions, kitchen/b. room, utility, study/family room, shower room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, balcony, gardens, quadruple garage

NEW

Littleport **£134,950**
A modern semi detached home offering spacious accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, spacious kitchen/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and driveway. Immaculately presented.

SALE AGREED

Ely
A charming terraced cottage with hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & driveway. Many character features. Quiet no through road close to city centre & railway station.

NEW

Sutton **£120,000**
A brand new first floor apartment in a small complex of just 5 new apartments with entrance hallway, open plan lounge/kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking

NEW

Littleport **£235,000**
Older style rural detached home in approx. 1/3rd of an acre (sts) opposite the River Great Ouse. Ent hall, cloakroom, 2 receptions, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, extensive drive, d garage & workshop.

Sutton **£112,950**
A modern attached house situated in this well served village. Accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 parking spaces and garden.

NEW

Sutton **£126,000**
A brand new ground floor apartment in a small complex of just 5 new apartments with entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms bathroom, garden and parking

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Ely **£139,995**
A spacious end terrace home in a cul-de-sac location allowing easy access to Ely city centre. Includes ent hall, spacious kitchen/dining room, lounge, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, adjoining w.c. & garden. No upward chain.

NEW

Haddenham **£125,000**
A spacious mid terraced bungalow with attractive & private garden to the rear and overlooking an open green to the front. Includes porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, attractive gardens & parking.

Ely **£139,950**
A spacious end terraced home situated in a popular location offering convenient access for Ely city centre. Includes lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & parking. No upward chain.

Stretham **£295,000**
Immaculately presented & deceptively spacious detached home close to the village centre. Ent. hall, cloakroom, kitchen, utility, lounge, dining room, study/playroom, 4 d. bedrooms (master with en-suite & dressing area),bathroom, encl. rear garden & double size cartlodge.

NEW PRICE

Wardy Hill **£220,000**
A spacious detached home in a non estate location with superb views across countryside. Includes ent hall, refitted cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 dble bedrooms, refitted bathroom, drive, garage & gardens. No upward chain.

Ely **£345,000**
An extended detached home close to the city centre. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, parking, garage and garden.

Sutton **£189,950**
An established detached bungalow in a popular non estate location. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms and bathroom together with garage, driveway & gardens.

Ely **£215,000**
An immaculately presented 1930's semi-detached home in a highly regarded cul-de-sac location. Ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and gardens. Many attractive features.

Sutton **£285,000**
A spacious detached home. Ent hall, reception hall, lounge, dining room, office/study, kitchen/brkfst room, utility, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, dble garage, drive & gardens.

NEW SALE AGREED

Haddenham
Former Church Hall converted into a highly individual home with a wealth of interesting and unique features with hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, garden room, g.f. wet room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, garage and parking.

NEW

Sutton **£224,950**
Modern detached home offering versatile accommodation. Ent porch, ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Haddenham **£164,950**
A well presented established village home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking & gardens.

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TRINITY CLOSE, ELY
£795 pcm

Very well presented detached house ideally situated within walking distance of the City centre. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, good-sized lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, separate utility room with walk-in larder, three double bedrooms and a fitted family bathroom with shower. The property has oil fired central heating, double glazing throughout, double garage with parking and gardens to front and rear. No smokers or pets. Available early May.

PRICKWILLOW ROAD, ELY
£775 pcm

Detached bungalow located in a small, private cul-de-sac close to the City centre. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, living room with gas fire, fitted kitchen with cooker, three bedrooms and a fitted family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and a single garage. No smokers or pets. Available late April.

BERRY GREEN, STRETHAM
£750 pcm

Recently constructed detached family house in this popular village . Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, fitted kitchen/dining room with integrated cooker, living room, study, three bedrooms (with ensuite to master) and a fitted family bathroom with separate shower cubicle. The property has oil central heating, double glazing, an enclosed rear garden and parking for two vehicles. No smokers or pets. Available mid May.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY
£725 pcm

First floor flat located towards the outskirts of the City, set within the grounds of Ely City Golf Club. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen/dining room (15'4" x 11'5") with cooker and refrigerator, living room (16'5" x 9'9"), bedroom one (11'9" x 9'9"), bedroom two (11'8" x 8'6"), bedroom three (8'9" x 8'6") and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has gas central heating and double glazing. No smokers or pets. Rent includes electric, gas and water bills.

MORTON CLOSE, ELY
£675 pcm

Modern and well presented three bedroom house to the north of the City with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and single garage. Available early May.

NEW

VICTORIA STREET, ELY
£625 pcm

End of terraced two bedroom cottage close to the rail station, riverside and City centre with gas central heating. Available early May.

NEW

SILVER STREET, ELY
£625 pcm

End of terrace three bedroom house located close to the rail station and City centre with gas central heating and garden. Available now.

HIGH STREET, CHATTERIS
£550 pcm

An exclusive selection of two and three bedroom apartments within a Georgian Grade II Listed conversion. Available now.

NEW

THE SHADE, SOHAM
£520 pcm

Two bedroom semi detached house on the outskirts of the town with gas central heating, garden and off road parking. Available late April.

VERMUYDEN GARDENS, SUTTON
£500 pcm

Newly redecorated two bedroom house with electric heating, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.

PADGETTS ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH
£495 pcm

Semi detached three bedroom cottage in a rural location with oil central heating and off road parking. Available now.

MAIN STREET, LITTLE DOWNHAM
£475 pcm

Mid terraced two bedroom cottage situated in the centre of this popular village with electric heating and garden and parking to the rear. Available now.

CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£475 pcm

Newly refurbished end of terrace two bedroom cottage close to the town centre. With gas central heating and enclosed rear garden. Available now.

STATION ROAD, SOHAM
£450 pcm

Terraced two bedroom cottage close to town centre with gas central heating, double glazing and courtyard garden. Available now.

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A unique opportunity to acquire an individually designed detached family residence of approximately 4100 sq ft.

Dining room, kitchen/dining/family room, study, basement, games room, workshop, lounge, master bedroom with en-suite, shower room, family bathroom, office /bedroom, d/garage, driveway, grounds of approx 1/2 acre (sts),

£675,000

WITCHAM

A rare opportunity to acquire a substantial four bedroom detached 'Potton Home' overlooking the village playing field.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, beautifully kept landscaped gardens, double garage and utility, driveway.

£385,000

LITTLE THETFORD

A very well presented bright and spacious four bedroom detached bungalow seated within a generous.

Lounge, dining room, garden room, study, fitted kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, double garage, off road parking, gardens.

£350,000

HADDENHAM

A period detached residence set within the centre of the well regarded village.

Dining room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two cellar rooms, master bedroom with en-suite, bedroom two with en-suite, bathroom, OCH, D/G, garden, d/garage, parking.

£325,000

WITCHFORD

An extended three/four bedroom detached bungalow with versatile accommodation set in a quiet location.

Lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, cloakroom, garden room, office/bedroom four, family bathroom, integral garage, workshop, driveway, enclosed rear garden, shed, electric storage heating, D/G.

£290,000

ELY

A very well presented four bedroom detached property situated approximately one mile from the City Centre.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, landing, four bedrooms, luxury family bathroom, D/G, GCH, landscaped rear garden, double garage, driveway.

£285,000

HADDENHAM

This well presented detached bungalow sits within private walled gardens in the popular village of Haddenham.

Cloakroom, open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear hall, utility room, conservatory, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, garden room, ample off road parking, garage, secure caravan space, D/G, electric storage heating.

£285,000

HADDENHAM

An extremely well presented bright and spacious detached family home.

Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/family room, utility room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, guest room with en-suite, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, integral garage, driveway, rear garden.

£275,000

ELY

A rare opportunity to acquire a detached property in need of renovation, set in a conservation area within walking distance of the City Centre.

Kitchen and pantry, lounge, dining room, garden room, bathroom, separate WC, four first floor bedrooms, gas heating, garage, parking, good sized plot.

£275,000

SUTTON

A spacious and very well presented detached family home set within the well served village of Sutton.

Cloakroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, rear garden, garage, driveway, GCH, D/G, no upward chain.

£250,000

HADDENHAM

A well proportioned detached bungalow in need of some cosmetic updating situated on a generous plot.

Lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility area, cloakroom, bathroom, LPG heating system, D/G, garage, established gardens, sought after village location.

£250,000

ELY

A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated in a highly sought after residential development within the City of Ely.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, GCH, D/G, rear garden, garage, ample parking.

£249,950

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LITTLEPORT

A five bedroom family home set over three floors with spacious and bright accommodation.

Cloakroom, dining room, lounge with patio doors onto the rear garden, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, second floor landing, two bedrooms, shower room, double garage, parking, enclosed rear garden, GCH, D/G.

£242,500

HADDENHAM

A very well presented home situated in the popular village of Haddenham which has been thoughtfully extended and finished to a high standard.

Utility room/rear hall, cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, master with en-suite bathroom, shower room, double garage, ample off road parking, enclosed rear garden, OCH, D/G.

£228,000

ELY

A spacious three double bedroom home set in a quiet well regarded cul-de-sac within the City of Ely.

Cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, carport, garage, GCH, D/G.

£215,000

HADDENHAM

An opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached cottage in need of updating situated within walking distance of the village amenities.

entrance hall, lounge, dining room, cellar, kitchen/breakfast room, lean to, ground floor bathroom, four first floor bedrooms, side garden, electric storage heating, part double glazed, no upward chain.

£185,000

NEW

SUTTON

A charming and characteristic detached cottage situated within the well served village of Sutton.

Lounge, hall/study, fitted kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, guest bedroom with en-suite, GCH, D/G, enclosed garden, off road parking.

£185,000

LITTLEPORT

An exclusive scheme of three bedroom terraced properties situated within easy walking distance of the local amenities and railway station.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, fitted kitchen/dining room, lounge, landing, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, D/G, GCH, enclosed rear garden and two parking spaces.

£155,000

SUTTON

A deceptively spacious family home situated within close proximity to the centre of the picturesque village of Sutton.

Cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, lean to conservatory, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, partly cemented garage, double glazing, gas central heating, enclosed gardens, no chain.

£154,950

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A superb Edwardian two bedroom semi detached cottage situated on the highly regarded "Cannon Street" within this ever popular village location.

Reception lounge, stairwell, fitted kitchen/dining room, rear entrance lobby, bathroom, gas heating system, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, off road parking, no upward chain.

£142,500

HADDENHAM

A modern two bedroom mid terrace bungalow with garage and gardens situated within the much sought after village of Haddenham.

Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, inner hall, two bedrooms, wet room with disabled facilities, electric storage heating, gardens, garage and parking, no upward chain.

£129,950

NEW

SOHAM

A well presented one bedroom bungalow with conservatory, enclosed garden and allocated parking situated within easy walking distance of the Town Centre.

entrance hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, double bedroom, inner hall, bathroom, gas fired heating, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking space.

£109,950

NEW

SOHAM

An ideal opportunity for the first time/investment buyer to acquire a one bedroom end of terrace starter home situated within the Fenland Town of Soham.

reception lounge, fitted kitchen, landing, double bedroom, bathroom, electric storage heating, lawned garden, allocated parking.

£99,950

NEW

WILBURTON

A spacious well presented semi detached property offered for sale on a 50% Shared Ownership basis.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazed windows, oil fired heating, enclosed rear garden, off road parking.

£80,000

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NEW

LITTLEPORT

Newly decorated, good size 1BR 1st floor flat in the well served Village of Littleport, a short walk from local amenities.

Lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Electric heating. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£375 PCM

LONGCHAMP DRIVE, ELY

Well presented 1BR ground floor flat located on the Cathedral View development and in a good location for the Princess of Wales Hospital and A10.

Neutral decor. Intercom entry system. Electric heating. 1 allocated parking space. Fully furnished

£525 PCM

LYNN ROAD, ELY

Spacious 2BR split level flat of a converted semi detached house in a good location for City Centre, River & BR Station.

2 double bedrooms. good size lounge/diner. Electric shower. Electric heating. Shared garden. Fully furnished.

£525 PCM

NEW

WITCHAM

Spacious 1BR semi detached bungalow with study, located in the quiet Village of Witcham, 6 miles West of Ely.

Modern kitchen & bathroom with shower. Study. New Oak flooring. Electric heating. Gardens. On street parking. Unfurnished

£525 PCM

WILBURTON

Recently refurbished 1BR 1st floor flat located in the Village of Wilburton providing easy access to A10.

Open plan living area. Shower room. Double glazing. Oil central heating. Off street parking. Includes all bills. Fully furnished.

£550 PCM

LITTLEPORT

Modern 2BR end of terrace in quiet cul-de-sac just off Wisbech Road,close to local amenities & providing easy access to the A10 & Ely City Centre.

2 good size bedrooms. Electric shower. Neutral decor. GCH. Gardens. Garage. Unfurnished

£550 PCM

STRETHAM

Modern 3BR property located in the popular Village of Stretham,providing easy access to A10.

Lounge with feature fireplace. 2 double bedrooms. Shower. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Barn style carport. Unfurnished

£695 PCM

STRETHAM

4BR property in the heart of the popular Village of Stretham, providing easy access to the A10.

4 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms & 2 bathrooms. OCH. Paved rear garden. Garage, workshop & off street parking. Unfurnished. Can be offered with furnished annexe £1250

£950 PCM

NEW

THIRLBY GARDENS, ELY

4BR detached house in an excellent location for the Princess of Wales Hospital and providing easy access to City Centre and A10.

2 reception rooms, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, GCH, gardens and double garage. Pets considered. Unfurnished

£1,100 PCM

WISSEY WAY, ELY

Very well presented 4BR detached house on a popular development North of the City, ideally placed for the A10 and City Centre.

Spacious accommodation including 2 recepetion rooms, study, 3 bathrooms. GCH. Gardens. Garage & drive. Unfurnished

£1,175 PCM

NEW

WENSUM WAY, ELY

A 4BR detached house on a popular development North of the City Centre, in an ideal location for both the Princess of Wales Hospital and Ely Community College.

2 reception rooms. 3 bathrooms. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Tandem garage. Unfurnsihed.

£1,200 PCM

NEW

WILBURTON

A beautifully presented, 4BR "Chalet" style detached house in the popular Village of Wilburton, providing excellent access to both Cambridge & Ely.

Large kitchen/breakfast room, 2 reception rooms, study, 4 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. OCH. Gardens & double garage. Unfurnished

£1,295 PCM

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SOHAM £109,950

Well presented top floor apartment comprising lounge/dining room, recently fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, recently fitted bathroom suite, double glazing, warm air heating, shared garden, internal inspection highly recommended.

RED LODGE £169,995

Established semi-detached house comprising entrance lobby, lounge/dining room, kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs shower room, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, garage.

WANTED

Mr L requires a 3 bed detached family house in the Soham area. Funds available up to £200,000

WANTED

Mrs A is looking for a property in St Marys Street Ely. Funds available up to £400,000

MILDENHALL £800 PCM

Mid terraced house comprising, reception hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, gardens and garage.

RED LODGE £800 PCM

Spacious family house in cul-de-sac location available now, entrance lobby, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs shower room, three bedrooms and bathroom, good sized rear garden, garage and parking.

Bury St Edmunds £500

First floor apartment located within walking distance of the Town Centre of Bury St Edmunds in brief comprising, lounge, kitchen/dining room, bathroom and double bedroom, electric heating, garden to rear.

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SCRAPPAGE is now officially over, *writes Mike Scialom,* but the industry is determined to offer a range of options and deals which will continue to appeal to those looking for attractive offers.

These include:

■ Nissan is extending its British Built Trade-in Scheme – and to mark the occasion a unique 36ft extended vehicle made out of scrapped car parts has been constructed.

The British Built Trade-in Scheme guarantees a £2,000 minimum trade-in against any new British-built Nissan for trade-in vehicles over seven years old – previously the offer only applied to models aged eight-10 years old.

New Nissans eligible for the improved offer, which began yesterday and runs until June 30, include the Micra, Note, Qashqai or Qashqai+2, all of which are produced at Nissan's Sunderland Plant.

Details from Marshall Nissan on (01223) 377300.

■ Škoda UK has introduced its own "Happy Swapping" initiative.

For those who missed out on the car scrappage scheme, Skoda is offering drivers who own a vehicle with a '52 registration or older the chance to swap their old vehicle no matter the make or model. In return, the consumer will receive a minimum of £2,000 off their brand new Škoda, which means they could be driving home a Fabia from as little as £7,340 – or the award-winning Superb from £14,165.

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» Roller-skating

Ely youngster enjoys a Ball at championships

Excellent efforts: Ely Artistic Roller Skating Club's Jessica-Ellen Ball, left, and Charlotte Morton, who competed at the British Roller Skating Championships at Peterborough, where Ball won a bronze medal in her combined overall section.

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IT WAS an excellent introduction to the British Roller Skating Championships for 10-year-old Jessica-Ellen Ball from Littleport when she competed at the Bushfield Centre at Peterborough in the the Tots, Minis and Espoir Championships.

The youngster, who is a member of Ely Artistic Roller Skating Club and still in her first year of national competitions, finished a fine fourth in both the figures and free sections to take the bronze medal in combined overall.

Her Ely team-mate, 11-year-old Charlotte Morton, a "veteran" of the championships and former bronze and silver medallist, took a respectable ninth place in Espoir for her *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* free programme.

» Youth football round-up

Goodjohn pops up with leveller

Mepal Sports U9 2 Cottenham Utd Colts U9 2
FRIENDLY

THE match started with some good defensive play from Mepal's Josh Booy-Howlett and George Sporle.
A pass from Elliot Martin to Ben Harnwell gave Mepal the first goal of the match.
The equaliser came from a deflection off of a Mepal player.
Cottenham started to put on the pressure, but they were countered by some good passing between the Mepal players and a string of excellent saves from Sam Jarvis.
The first quarter ended all square, but Cottenham came out quickly in the second period and scored to take the lead.
Mepal's Ben Blackburn then crossed the ball into the box for Tom Goodjohn to convert and level the scores.
Both teams pushed for a winner and Mepal were unlucky when shot from Luke Merry in the last few minutes narrowly missed the target.
Mepal Sports: Ben Blackburn, Josh Booy-Howlett, Jon Collins, Tom Goodjohn, Ben Harnwell, Sam Jarvis, Leon Knightley, Elliot Martin, Luke Merry, George Sporle, Max Turner.

Dubi nets for county

A GOAL from Soham Town hotshot Dubi Ogbonna helped Cambridgeshire Under-18 beat bogey side Suffolk in their East Anglian Counties Championship match at Cambridge City's Milton Road ground.
Ogbonna, a regular scorer in the Greens' first team this seam, netted the first Cambs goal, and their long-awaited victory was sealed by a Ryan Ingrey strike in the final 10 minutes.

» Angling round-up

Hawkins finds top form at Headfen

A BAG weighing 39lb 10oz was the biggest of the lot in the Fred's Match Group contest at Little Downham's Headfen Lakes Fishery.
It was compiled by S Hawkins, who held off the challenge posed by runner-up Andy Kleen to take the spoils on Snake Lake.
Kevin Sands reeled in 19-2 and Martin Caldicoat had 15-8 to win their respective sections.
Corn and crumbs proved to be excellent baits as Simon Easey triumphed in the latest £2,400 Headfen Masters qualifier at the same venue.
The victor fished to the far ledge and mustered 30 carp totalling 46-14, while second-placed Neil Adcock hooked 20 carp to corn and maggot for 38-10.
The Sunday Open at Trev's Lake was won by Ken Rolfe as he used hemp and caster on an 11m line to net chub and carp for 29-12.
Fantails, perch, chub, roach and skimmers were all bagged by Robert Murphy, but he had to settle for 22-13.
Details – Fred's Match Group: 1 S Hawkins 39lb 10oz, 2 Andy Kleen 32-12, 3 R Pamment 32-8. Section winners: Kevin Sands 19-2 and Martin Caldicoat 15-8. **Headfen Masters:** 1 Simon Easey (Fox Match Stanjay) 46-14, 2 Neil Adcock (Browning Hot Rods) 38-10, 3 Bob Coulson (Suffolk's Finest) 36-14. **Trev's Lake:** 1 Ken Rolfe (Fox Match Bill's Tackle) 29-12, 2 Robert Murphy (Ipswich) 22-13, 3 Matt Ayres (Dents) 19-4.
■ Neil Hargrieves went close to breaking the 100lb barrier at High Flyer Lake as he tasted success in an open clash.
But he had to make do with 91lb and just managed to pip Ken Gammon, who had 89lb, to top spot at the Ely venue.
The Sunday open was won by Cambridge's B Poole, who served up a trio of baits – pellet, corn and meat – to net 68lb and weigh in with a single pound more than runner-up Andy Rabjohn.
Details – Saturday: 1 Neil Hargrieves (High Flyer) 91lb, 2 Ken Gammon (High Flyer) 89lb, 3 Ricky James (Southery) 74lb. **Sunday:** 1 B Poole (Cambridge) 68lb, 2 Andy Rabjohn (Cooper's Tackle) 67lb, 3 S Fisher (Will's Worms) 53lb.

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» **Football:** Latest news from the Unwin Ground and Julius Martin Lane

City pay penalty in derby defeat

Mildenhall Town 1
Ely City 0
RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

ELY City were sunk by Steve Harley's disputed penalty in Easter Monday's local derby at Recreation Way.

Harley netted from the spot in the first half after Aaron Turner was adjudged to have been fouled by Chris Sterecki.

Dennis Lightning, the Robins manager, said: "The only man in the ground who thought it was a penalty was the man who mattered (the referee)."

Mildenhall manager Simon Charlton said: "Ely were better than us first half, but I made a couple of changes at half time and we looked a totally different."

Ely City 1
Woodbridge Tn 0
RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

A GOAL from first-team debutant Matthew Keys ensured Ely took all three points against struggling Woodbridge at the Unwin Ground on Saturday.

The hosts had their chances in the first half, with Scott Fielding and Simon Warren going close, but they were unable to take advantage.

In a tightly-contested second half, the result was settled in the 60th minute when Keys, who had been doing well for the reserves recently, took his chance with a good finish.

City boss Lightning said: "It was a scrappy game, but we deserved to win. I expected a difficult game, even though they're near the bottom."

The Robins have a busy week of league action coming up. On Saturday, near-neighbours Histon reserves are the scheduled visitors to the Unwin Ground, kick-off 3pm.

Tuesday evening will see Ely make the journey to the Norfolk Broad, where they will take on FA Vase finalists Wroxham (7.45pm).

Protests: Ely City players hotly dispute the award of the penalty, which ultimately decided Monday's derby at Mildenhall.

Picture: Duncan Lamont SPO 639708

» **Rugby Union**

Victory is spoilt by injury to Kennett

ELY registered a 17-11 home victory over Southwold in their penultimate Eastern Counties One fixture of the campaign on Saturday.

Mark Mitzman's side lost 3-0 when the two teams clashed in November and the win means they are almost certain to avoid finishing in the bottom four.

Ely took a 12-7 lead into half time thanks to a try from No 8 Stacey Mould out wide and a score under the posts by centre Ed Fahy, which was converted by Jamie Russell.

Sean Kennett touched down after the break, but Ely lost his brother and fellow second-row Mitch Kennett with an anterior cruciate ligament injury.

"It was a very tight game," said captain Mark Mitzman.

"We dominated in the forwards in both halves, although we made hard work of it in the first half.

"The only downside was losing Mitch."

Benjamin is disappointed after Greens allow the points to slip

MICHAEL Simpson's goal counted for nothing as Soham let a 1-0 lead slip and lost at Bury Town on Saturday.

The Greens went ahead with 25 minutes gone when the midfielder finished calmly, but the hosts levelled matters moments before half time.

Luke Hipwell tracked his man back and brought him down inside the penalty area, with a Bury player burying the resulting spot-kick.

Soham could have retaken the lead when Simpson had a well-placed header brilliantly saved, but the home side were always dangerous and goalkeeper Jamie Chamberlain was forced into action on several occasions. Bury did claim their second with 10 minutes remaining, and Scott Carter went closest to bagging an equaliser when his volley flashed inches wide.

Bury Tn 2 Soham Tn Rgrs 1
ZAMARETTO LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS

"I was a little bit disappointed with how we played," said manager Ian Benjamin. "Our previous good results have been borne out of listening to instructions, and we didn't do that. I thought we were actually looking quite comfortable up until the penalty, but Bury put us under a lot of pressure in the second half."

■ Dubi Ogbonna struck the winner as the Greens came from behind to complete a double at title-chasing Hitchin Town on Tuesday last week.

The visitors fell behind after just five minutes, but were level before half time as Charles Libam rose highest to head home Josh Turner's free kick.

Luke Hipwell missed a good chance, but Soham nabbed the all-important goal as Ogbonna struck with just eight minutes remaining.

■ The Greens are due to return to league action tonight (Thursday) with a trip to Bedworth, kick-off 7.45pm, while on Saturday the visitors to Julius Martin Lane will be Sutton Coldfield (3pm).

A busy week concludes on Tuesday when the Greens will entertain Aylesbury (7.45pm).

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